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### MINISTERS

1—J. E. L. Winecoff	22—W. B. Hood
2—P. L. Clark	23—J. D. Withrow
3—J. L. Fairly	24—J. M. Waggett
4—C. C. Myers	25—G. F. Miller
5—H. C. Hammond	26—F. W. Lewis
6—D. L. Williamson	27—W. H. Goodman
7—J. W. Miller	28—J. M. Newbold
8—J. S. Crowley	29—D. A. Bowles
9—M. C. MacQueen	30—B. F. Hall
10—E. B. Carr	31—M. G. Stimpson
11—C. B. Craig	32—W. L. Foley
12—William Crowe, Jr.	33—Priestley Conyers III
13—A. K. Dudley	34—J. W. Mann
14—B. E. Dotson	35—N. G. Stevens
15—N. P. Farrior	36—R. L. McBath
16—W. H. Allison	37—C. R. Stegall
17—J. V. Axtell	38—W. F. F. Little
18—F. M. Thompson	39—J. W. Ware
19—E. D. Witherspoon	40—R. L. Turner
20—L. A. Taylor	41—J. T. Hayter
21—J. M. Smith	

### CHURCHES

1—Acme	26—Faison	51—Pink Hill
2—Antioch	27—Graves Memorial	52—Pleasant View
3—Ashwood	28—Grove	53—Pollocksville
4—Baker	29—Hallsville	54—Potts Memorial
5—Bethany	30—Harmony	55—Rockfish
6—Beth Car	31—Harper-Southerland	56—Rocky Point
7—Bethel	32—Hebron	57—St. Andrews-Covenant
8—Beulaville	33—Holly Grove	58—Smiths
9—Black River	34—Hopewell	59—Southport
10—Bladenboro	35—Immanuel	60—South River
11—Bowden	36—Jacksonville	61—Stanford
12—Brunswick	37—Lake Waccamaw	62—Stafford Memorial
13—Burgaw	38—Maple Hill	63—Tabor City
14—Calypso	39—McClure Memorial	64—Teachey
15—Cape Fear	40—Mt. Horeb	65—Topsail
16—Carolina Beach	41—Mt. Olive	66—Wallace
17—Caswell	42—Mt. Williams	67—Warsaw
18—Chadbourn	43—Mt. Zion	68—Webb Memorial
19—Chinquapin	44—Myrtle Grove	69—Westminster
20—Clarkton	45—New Hope	70—White Plains
21—Croatan	46—Oakdale	71—Whiteville First
22—Currie	47—Oak Plains	72—Wildwood
23—Delgado	48—Page's Mill	73—Willard
24—Elizabethtown	49—Pearsall Memorial	74—Wilmington First
25—Elkton	50—Pike	75—Winter Park
		76—Woodburn

### CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Scott York Pharr, Samuel Norman Thomas, Preston Cumming Oliver, George M. Powell, Burriss M. Bender, James Fraser Miller, Richard Franklin Perkins, Clifton E. Dickson, Thomas F. Clark, Eugene Daniel Witherspoon.

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**ADJOURNED MEETING**

Wilmington Presbytery met in Adjourned Session at the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C., November 20, 1950, at 10:00 a.m.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Frank S. Wilson. After the roll was called and a quorum was declared present, Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. D. Witherspoon. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: P. L. Clark, C. C. Myers, J. W. Miller, M. C. MacQueen, C. B. Craig, William Crowe, Jr., A. K. Dudley, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor, J. M. Smith, W. B. Hood, J. D. Withrow, J. M. Waggett, H. R. Newland, J. M. Newbold, Jr., D. A. Bowles, B. F. Hall, M. G. Stimpson, W. L. Foley, Priestley Conyers III, J. W. Mann, Neill G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, W. F. F. Little. (28)

Elders: J. A. Sloan, Bethany; James H. Clark, Elizabethtown; W. J. Calhoun, Graves Memorial; Harvey Harper, Harper-Southerland; G. E. Maultsby, Jacksonville; Homer Monroe, Mt. Horeb; J. H. Burris, Myrtle Grove; R. P. Bender, Pollocksville; R. W. Wallace, Smith; J. B. Huntington, St. Andrews-Covenant; E. W. Farrior, Wallace First; J. W. Kellogg, Webb Memorial; W. G. Prevatte, Whiteville First; J. G. Murdoch, Sr., Wildwood. (14)

Presbytery voted to make as its first order of business the examination of E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., with a view to taking him under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained. Following his answering in the affirmative the Constitutional Questions, the candidate was charged by the Rev. Carl B. Craig. Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. B. E. Dotson and the candidate was declared under the care of Presbytery and his name was ordered recorded accordingly.

The Committee on Home Missions was instructed by Presbytery to sign a note for the Westminster Presbyterian Church for \$6,000.00, this sum to be borrowed from the General Assembly's Board of Church Extension.

A letter of transfer from the Jersey City Presbytery, of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., for the Rev. Jack W. Ware was presented and found in order. The Rev. B. F. Hall, Chairman of the Committee on Examinations, had charge of the examination of the Rev. Jack W. Ware for his reception into this Presbytery. The examination on Views in Theology was conducted by the Rev. William Crowe, Jr.; the examination on Experimental Religion, by the Rev. J. M. Smith; and the examination on Church Government and the Sacraments, by the Rev. P. L. Clark. The examination was sustained as

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a whole and the Rev. Jack W. Ware was received into the Presbytery pending his signing of the Presbyterial Obligations.

The calls from the Carolina Beach and Myrtle Grove Presbyterian churches, for the services of the Rev. Jack W. Ware, were found in order and approved. The Rev. Jack W. Ware signified his acceptance of the cause. Presbytery appointed the following Commission to install him, the same Commission to serve at both Carolina Beach and Myrtle Grove: Ministers—L. A. Taylor, M. C. MacQueen, B. F. Hall, A. K. Dudley; Elders—Dr. A. H. Kerr, Fred Burriss, C. F. Cameron. The time and parts were to be decided by the Commission.

The Home Mission Committee was authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,000.00 from the General Assembly's Board of Church Extension for the purchase of property on the Carolina Beach Road. The trustees of Presbytery were instructed to sign a note for this amount.

The Rev. W. B. Hood presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the Plan of Reorganization and the Revised Manual. The report was amended and adopted.

Presbytery voted to put the Plan of Reorganization, and the Revised Manual into effect at the January, 1951, meeting of the Presbytery.

## **THE PLAN OF REORGANIZATION**

As amended and adopted at the Adjourned Meeting of Presbytery.

### **A—PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL**

1—That Presbytery rescind its action of July 12, 1949, an action creating Presbytery's Advisory Committee, and create a Presbytery's Council.

2—That the Council be composed of the following personnel: the Chairmen of the Committees on Church Extension; Education; Stewardship; World Missions; Annuities and Relief; the Moderator-Nominee; the President of the Men of the Church and one member elected by the Executive Committee of the Men of the Church; the President of the Women of the Church, and one member elected by the Executive Committee of the Women of the Church; the President of Presbytery's Youth Council; two Ruling Elders and two Deacons elected by Presbytery.

3—That the Council elect one of its own members to serve as Chairman of the Council, and one to represent the causes of the Synod. The Executive Secretary of the Presbytery shall serve as the Secretary of the Council.

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4—That the office of the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery be under the direction of the Council.

5—That the Council hold an annual conference on the work of the Presbytery to which each church shall send twenty per cent of its Ruling Elders, twenty per cent of its Deacons, and a number of women equal to the number of Deacons.

5—That the attention of Presbytery be called to the recommendations and suggestions that may arise out of the Council's insight into the life of the Presbytery.

### **B—PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

1—That the present committees on Foreign Missions and Overseas Church Relief be combined into one committee to be called the Committee on World Missions, and that this Committee be composed of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders elected by Presbytery.

2—That the present Committees on Home Missions (Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery), Evangelism, Christian Relations, Radio, Negro Work and Defense Service be combined into one Committee to be called the Committee on Church Extension, and that this Committee be composed of eight Ministers and four Lay-persons elected by Presbytery.

3—That the present Committees on Religious Education (Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery), the Assembly's Training School, Synod's Educational Institutions, Student Work, the Student Loan Fund, and Candidates for the Gospel Ministry be combined into one Committee to be called the Committee on Education, and that this Committee be composed of eight Ministers and four Lay-persons elected by Presbytery.

4—That the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief be discontinued and a Committee be created to be known as the Committee on Annuities and Relief, and that this Committee be composed of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders elected by Presbytery.

5—That the Finance Committee be renamed the Stewardship Committee, and that it be composed of two Ministers, two Ruling Elders, two Deacons, the President of the Men of the Church, the President of the Women of the Church and two women appointed by her. The Ministers and laymen to be elected by Presbytery.

6—That the Committee on the Orphans' Home, the Home for the Aged, and the William Black Home, be combined into one Committee to be known as the Committee on Homes, and that this Committee be composed of three Ministers and three Lay persons elected by Presbytery.

7—That the Committees on Sessional Records, Minutes of the General Assembly, Minutes of Synod, be combined into one Committee to be known as the Committee on Records, and that this Committee be composed of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders elected by Presbytery.

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8—That the following Committees be continued as at the present time: Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion, the Committee on Audits, the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage, the Committee on Nominations, the Committee on Woman's Work, the Committee on Examinations.

9—That the Committees on Church Extension and Education be divided into sub-committees, and that the sub-committees, with the approval of their Committees, shall have the privilege of selecting desirable persons to serve with them.

10—That the Committees on: Bible Cause, Montreat, Program of Progress, and Historical Foundation be combined into one Committee to be called the Committee on Special Causes, and that this Committee be composed of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders elected by Presbytery.

### **C—THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK**

1—That the Commission on the Minister and His Work be continued as at the present time.

### **D—ELECTION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

1—That all members of Permanent Committees and the Council shall be elected for three years, with the exception of the Committee on Nominations which shall be elected for one year, that Presbytery elect the Chairmen of all Permanent Committees and of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, and that the elections be held at the January meetings, the persons elected to take office on April 1, following their election.

2—That no member of any Committee shall serve for more than one three-year term without the lapse of one year between terms. Part of a term shall not be considered as a term.

3—That the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery be an Advisory Member of all Committees and of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

## **MANUAL OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY**

As revised and amended at the Adjourned Meeting  
of Presbytery.

### **SECTION I**

#### **Standing Rules**

1. The rules of parliamentary order observed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., are hereby adopted for guidance in the government of this Presbytery.

2. It shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present at a stated meeting to amend or abolish any standing rule or order of the Presbytery, or make additions thereto.

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### SECTION II

#### Meetings and Orders

1. There shall be four stated meetings of the Presbytery each year, viz., on the Tuesday after the second Sunday in January, April, July and October. Occasional meetings may be called as provided for in the Book of Church Order.

2. There shall be special orders at regular meetings for subjects and committees as follows:

January: Church Extension, World Missions, Sabbath and Family Religion.

April: Education, Women of the Church, Session Records, Treasurer's Reports.

July: Annuities and Relief, Educational Institutions, Special Causes.

October: Budget and Finance, Homes, Evangelism.

3. The Commission on the Minister and His Work may be expected to make a report at any stated meeting.

4. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be observed at the stated meetings in January and July.

5. The retiring Moderators of the April and October Meetings are requested to preach sermons on some doctrinal subject of the Presbyterian Church.

6. Commissioners to the next meeting of the General Assembly shall be elected after the noon recess of the January meeting.

### SECTION III

#### Officers and Funds

1. A Moderator shall be elected at each stated meeting. His duties shall be as indicated in the Book of Church Order. The next following meeting shall be opened by him or by another as provided for in the Book of Church Order.

2. The Presbytery shall have a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, a Treasurer, an Executive Secretary, and a Central Treasurer.

3. The duties of the Stated Clerk shall be as follows:

a. To prepare and publish the minutes of the Presbytery, together with other required information relative to its business.

b. To submit at each stated meeting a docket of business to be handled and to mail beforehand a copy of same to each minister of the Presbytery.

c. To see that the rules of the Presbytery are observed, correct parliamentary procedure followed, reports of committees properly made, and, in general, to see that the entire business of the Presbytery is conducted according to law and order.

d. To provide and transmit annually to the church sessions before March 15 all blanks necessary for the sessional reports to the Presbytery.

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- e. To supply for the January meeting each year the names of the Commissioners to the General Assembly for the preceding five years.
4. The duties of the Permanent Clerk shall be: to take the roll and record the proceedings of all meetings of the Presbytery, to perform the duties of the Stated Clerk in the absence of the Stated Clerk, to type the minutes of each meeting of Presbytery and turn them over to the Stated Clerk. His salary shall be, until changed, \$100.00 per year.
5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
  - a. To receive and expend amounts received from the churches on their assessments for the contingent fund of the Presbytery.
  - b. To report at each April meeting the churches which have failed to pay their assessments.
  - c. To close his books on April 4 of each year, and as soon as possible thereafter to submit to the Auditing Committee a full report of all monies received and disbursed during the preceding year, together with his books, accounts and vouchers. When audited, his report shall be submitted, with the committee's report, at the April meeting.
  - d. To pay out of the contingent fund the expenses of the Presbytery, such as postage, stationery and printing, salaries of the Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk and the Treasurer; also the assessments of the Synod and General Assembly, and whatever other expenses the Presbytery may authorize.

Assessments for the contingent fund shall be made on the churches as calculated by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Auditing Committee. Bills for same shall be sent to the churches in September and February.

6. The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be: to serve as the executive officer of the Council, to stimulate interest in and promote the total program of the Presbytery. He may serve also as the Stated Clerk, the Treasurer of Presbytery, and the Central Treasurer of Benevolences.

7—The duties of the Central Treasurer shall be to receive Benevolence funds from all churches and church organizations of the Presbytery, and distribute them according to the percentages of the Presbytery and the directions of the remitting churches.

## SECTION IV

### Presbytery's Council

1. The Presbytery shall elect a Presbytery's Council to Coordinate, Promote, Extend, and Supervise the total program of the church within the boundaries of the Presbytery.

2. The Council shall hold an annual conference on the work of the Presbytery to which each church of the Presbytery shall send twenty per cent of its Ruling Elders, twenty per cent of its Deacons, and a number of women equal to the number of Deacons.

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3. The Council shall, from time to time, call to the attention of Presbytery the findings and recommendations that may arise out of the Council's insight into the life of the Presbytery.

4. The Council shall appoint an executive committee of the Council, consisting of five of its members, which shall have the authority to act for the Council within the pattern of recognized policy.

5. The Council shall elect one of its members to serve as the Chairman of the Council, and designate one of its members to represent any causes of the Synod and of the Assembly not otherwise represented on the Council.

6. The Executive Secretary of the Presbytery shall serve as the Secretary of the Council.

7. The Council shall be composed of the following personnel: The Chairmen of the Permanent Committees on Church Extension; Education; World Missions; Stewardship; Annuities and Relief; and the President of the Women of the Church and one woman elected by the Executive Committee of the Women of the Church; the President of the Men of the Church and one man elected by the Executive Committee of the Men of the Church; the President of the Sunday School Superintendents Association of the Presbytery; the President of Presbytery's Youth Council; two Ruling Elders and two Deacons elected by Presbytery.

### **SECTION V**

#### **Committees and Trustees**

1. The Presbytery shall elect the following permanent committees: Church Extension, World Missions, Education, Stewardship, Annuities and Relief, Homes, Sabbath and Family Religion, Divorce and Remarriage, Audits, Records, Nominations, Examinations, Woman's Work.

2. Duties of the Permanent Committees:

a. Church Extension. To promote and administer, within the boundaries of the Presbytery the causes of Home Missions (Assembly, Synod, Presbytery), Radio, Evangelism, Negro Work, Christian Relations, Defense Service, and such other causes as may come within province of this Committee.

The Committee shall meet at least annually, and at the call of the Chairman, or as directed to meet by the Council.

The Committee shall have a Chairman who is elected by the Presbytery, a Secretary, chosen by the Committee, who shall keep full and careful records of the proceedings of all meetings of the Committee, and a Treasurer, chosen by the Committee, who shall receive and disburse all funds, and keep a careful record of all receipts and disbursements and report annually to the committee.

Sub-Committees to carry on the work of the departments of the Committee on Church Extension may be appointed by the Chairman.

The Committee shall be composed of eight Ministers and four lay-persons, elected by Presbytery. It shall make an annual written report to Presbytery.

b. World Missions. To promote, within the boundaries of the Presbytery, the causes of Foreign Missions, Overseas Relief,

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and matters of inter-denominational cooperation. It shall receive all communications from Assembly and Synod Committees on World Missions. It shall make an annual written report to Presbytery, and make verbal reports from time to time in order that these causes may be kept before Presbytery. The Committee shall be composed of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders elected by Presbytery.

c. Education. To promote, within the boundaries of the Presbytery, the causes of Religious Education (Assembly, Synod, Presbytery), the Assembly's Training School, Union Theological Seminary, Synod's Educational Institutions, Student Work, Student Loan Fund, Candidates for the Ministry. Sub-Committees to carry on the work of the departments of the Committee on Education may be appointed by the Chairman. The Committee shall be composed of twelve Ministers and four lay-persons, elected by Presbytery.

d. Annuities and Relief. To promote, within the boundaries of the Presbytery, the causes of Ministerial Relief and Pensions. It shall make a thorough study of all applications for relief and pensions, within the boundaries of the Presbytery, and make recommendations to the Assembly's agency, and to the Synod's Committee. This Committee shall be composed of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders, elected by Presbytery.

e. Homes. To promote, within the boundaries of the Presbytery the causes of the Orphans' Home, the Home for the Aged, the William Black Home. This Committee shall be composed of three Ministers and three lay-persons elected by Presbytery. It shall make an annual written report to the Presbytery, and make verbal reports from time to time for the information of the Presbytery.

f. Stewardship. To prepare and present to Presbytery an annual budget for benevolences, to promote within the boundaries of the Presbytery the Every Member Canvass, to promote Stewardship in all churches. It shall study all proposed financial campaigns by Assembly and Synod agencies within the boundaries of the Presbytery and make recommendations concerning all such proposals to the Presbytery. This Committee shall be composed of two Ministers, two Ruling Elders, two Deacons, the President of the Men of the Church, the President of the Women of the Church of the Presbytery and two additional women appointed by her. The Ministers, Elders and Deacons to be elected by Presbytery.

g. Records. To supervise and direct the examination of Session Records and report to Presbytery. To make a study of the Minutes of the General Assembly and of the Synod and bring to the attention of Presbytery any matters that should be brought to its attention, particularly matters requiring action by the Presbytery. This Committee shall be composed of two Ministers and one Ruling Elder, elected by Presbytery.

h. Sabbath and Family Religion. To promote within the boundaries of the Presbytery Sabbath observance and family religion.

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It shall make an annual written report to the Presbytery. This committee shall be composed of two Ministers and two lay-persons, elected by Presbytery.

- i. Audits. To make an examination of the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery, Central Treasurer of Benevolences, at each April meeting of Presbytery and report its findings and recommendations.

This Committee shall be composed of three lay-persons elected by Presbytery.

- j. Divorce and Remarriage. To council with ministers of the Presbytery who have been invited to perform the marriage ceremony for divorced persons. Ministers of the Presbytery shall submit to this committee all such requests, along with such information on the cause of the divorce as he may have, at least one week in advance of the date fixed for the ceremony.

This committee shall be composed of twelve Ministers, one of whom is chairman. For the convenience of Ministers the committee shall be divided into four sub-committees of three members each. The committee shall file its findings, in cases studied, with the Stated Clerk and shall make an annual report to Presbytery.

- k. Nominations. To make nominations to Presbytery for all Permanent Committees, and also for particular or special committees at the request of the Moderator.

The committee shall be composed of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders, elected by Presbytery to serve for a term of one year. No member of the committee shall be eligible to succeed himself, or to serve on the committee for more than one year at a time. Persons may be elected to membership on the committee after the lapse of one year.

- l. Women's Work. This committee shall serve as a liaison between the Presbytery and the Women of the Church, keeping Presbytery informed on the work of the Women of the Church, and keeping the Women of the Church informed on the work of the Presbytery. It shall make an annual written report to the Presbytery on the activities, achievements and plans of the Women of the Church. When convenient to do so this report may be made by the President of the Women of the Church in the Presbytery.

It shall be composed of two Ministers and one elder elected by the Presbytery and the President of the Women of the Church in the Presbytery.

3. Members of the Committees shall not serve more than one three-year term without the lapse of one year between terms. Part of a term shall not be construed as a term. The Executive Secretary of the Presbytery shall be an advisory (not voting) member of all Permanent Committees.

Elections of members on Permanent Committees, on Presbytery's Council, and on the Permanent Commission shall be held at the January meeting of Presbytery, and persons elected shall take office April first.

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4. Committees having membership on Presbytery's Council shall function under the supervision of the Council.

### SECTION VI

#### Commission on the Minister and His Work

The Commission on the Minister and His Work. To function in accordance with the Book of Church Order, paragraph 96. The Commission will keep records of its actions, and make reports to Presbytery from time to time.

### SECTION VII

There shall also be appointed by the Moderator at each stated meeting standing committees as follows, to serve until the next regular meeting:

Worship, Bills and Overtures, Judicial, Records of Presbytery, Leave of Absence, Time and Place of Next Meeting, Resolution of Thanks, and, at the April meeting, the Narrative.

The duties of these committees are implicit in their titles.

### SECTION VIII

The Presbytery shall also elect regularly its own trustees for holding property, and trustees of Davidson College, Flora Macdonald College and Peace Junior College.

### SECTION IX

The Moderator shall appoint Special Committees as needs may arise. The duties of these committees to be specified at the time of the appointment.

### SECTION X

#### Ministers and Churches

1. All ministers who are members of the Presbytery shall be required to attend the regular meetings and, as far as practicable, the occasional meetings. In the case of necessary absence from a stated meeting, an adequate excuse shall be submitted to the Presbytery.

2. At the conclusion of each stated meeting, a roll of those attending shall be called and recorded. The omission of the name of a minister at such roll call, unless allowed by the standing committee on Leave of Absence, shall be considered as requiring a worthy excuse to be made at the next regular meeting.

3. The Presbytery shall exercise all due supervision of the relationship of stated and temporary supplies for the churches; recognizing, however, the authority entrusted to its commission on the Minister and His Work.

4. No church shall be allowed to change the terms on which its pastor was called, unless the change shall first be approved by the Presbytery; and the monetary consideration in a call shall be considered as a binding obligation on the part of the church.

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5. No church receiving financial aid from the funds of the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions shall continue to receive such aid unless an effort be made from year to year toward relieving the committee of its contributions, and also toward meeting its appropriations for the benevolent causes of the church.
6. Each Church Session shall give due consideration to the importance of having a representative at each stated meeting of Presbytery, and of hearing his report of the meeting.

### **SECTION XI**

#### **Licentiates and Candidates**

1. **Licentiates of the Presbytery** shall keep in close touch with the Presbytery and, as far as practicable, shall be required to attend its sessions. In the case of absence, they shall be expected to forward excuse therefor to the Presbytery.
2. Candidates for the Gospel ministry under the care of the Presbytery shall be required to furnish information regularly to the permanent committee of Education as to their progress in their studies and as to the occupation of their time in other work; and the general supervision of them shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Church Order.
3. It shall be the duty of the ministers of the Presbytery to discover and encourage young men who may be advised to prepare for the Gospel ministry.

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STATED SESSION

Wilmington Presbytery met in its 173rd Stated Session at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, N. C., Tuesday, January 16, 1951, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was opened with a worship service conducted by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Frank S. Wilson. The Rev. B. F. Hall preached a sermon on "A Warning Against Secularism," based on Psalm 127. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. J. W. Ware and the Rev. C. B. Craig, assisted by four Ruling Elders.

Members of the student body of Flora Macdonald gave a dramatic presentation of the work of the College. The first part was an excellent performance by the Choral Club. Then four students presented the work of the college as it had affected them personally.

After the roll was called and a quorum was declared present, the Moderator called Presbytery to order. Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. C. B. Craig. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: C. C. Myers, J. W. Miller, M. C. MacQueen, C. B. Craig, William Crowe, Jr., A. K. Dudley, B. E. Dotson, F. M. Bain, N. P. Farior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, J. M. Smith, W. B. Hood, J. D. Withrow, H. R. Newland, W. H. Goodman, J. M. Newbold, Jr., D. A. Bowles, B. F. Hall, M. G. Stimpson, W. L. Foley, Priestley Conyers III, J. W. Mann, Neill G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, W. F. F. Little, J. W. Ware. (27)

Ruling Elders: Granger Tadlock, Baker; J. A. Sloan, Bethany; P. H. Myers, Beth Car; A. W. Gresham, Beulaville; Geo. S. Beatty, Black River; Q. Y. Powell, Brunswick; L. R. Bradshaw, Burgaw; Leon L. Flowers, Calypso; D. N. Page, Carolina Beach; C. P. Moore, Caswell; G. H. Boughner, Chadbourn; J. F. Futreal, Chinquapin; D. D. Clark, Clarkton; J. R. Powell, Elizabethtown; J. S. Eakins, Elkton; A. M. Davis, Faison; L. A. Bethune, Graves Memorial; E. E. Newton, Grove; J. D. Evans, Hallsville; H. R. Harper, Harper-Southerland; F. A. Murray, Hopewell; Geo. W. Gore, Immanuel; F. S. Wilson, Jacksonville; A. F. Wells, McClure Memorial; H. A. Munroe, Mt. Horeb; D. B. Gillis, Mt. Olive; R. S. Troy, Mt. Zion; D. D. Williams, Oak Plains; Paul R. Jordan, Sr., Pearsall Memorial; Graham Teachey, Pleasant View; H. A. Parker, Pollocksville; J. C. Southerland, Potts Memorial; H. L. Webb, Rocky Point; K. M. Corbett, St. Andrews-Covenant; Henry Beatty, South River; Albert Outlaw, Stanford; Harold Howard, Tabor City; E. L. Turner, Teachey; John B. Boney, Wallace; M. V. Orr, Warsaw; James W. Kellogg, Webb Memorial; Eugene Davis, Westminster; G. O. Rogers, Whiteville First; Lee A. Murdoch, Wildwood; H. McN. Johnson, Willard; Leslie N. Boney, Wilmington First; J. L. Lanier, Winter Park. (47)

The following guests were introduced and recognized: The Rev. Robert Lee Turner, of Orange Presbytery; Dr. Marshall

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Woodson, president of Flora Macdonald College; Dr. C. G. Vardell, former president of Flora Macdonald; all Ruling Elders attending for the first time; and all the Deacons, who were presented in a body.

The Rev. J. M. Newbold, Jr., was elected Moderator by acclamation.

The docket, as presented, was adopted with minor changes.

Communications were read and referred to the proper committees.

The minutes of the Commissions to install the Rev. J. W. Ware as pastor of the Carolina Beach and Myrtle Grove churches were read, approved, and ordered printed in the minutes of the Presbytery, and the Commissions were dissolved.

### **COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. J. W. WARE AT CAROLINA BEACH CHURCH**

The Commission appointed to install the Rev. Jack W. Ware as pastor of the church of Carolina Beach met at the Manse Sunday afternoon, January 8, at 5:30 p.m. The Commission was organized and the parts assigned, then adjourned to the church. Rev. L. A. Taylor presided, propounded the constitutional questions, and delivered the charge to the congregation. Rev. M. C. MacQueen preached the sermon, led the prayer and delivered the charge to the pastor. Ruling Elder C. F. Cameron read the scripture. Rev. Jack W. Ware pronounced the Benediction.

The Commission was reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commission was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. L. A. Taylor.

L. A. TAYLOR,  
Clerk of the Commission

### **COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. J. W. WARE AT MYRTLE GROVE CHURCH**

The Commission appointed to install the Rev. Jack M. Ware as pastor of the church of Myrtle Grove, met at the church Sunday, January 8, 1951, at 3:45 p.m. Present were: Ministers—B. F. Hall, A. K. Dudley, M. C. MacQueen, L. A. Taylor; Elder—J. H. Burriss. The Commission was constituted by prayer and the parts assigned. The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary for the installation. Rev. A. K. Dudley presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Elder J. H. Burriss led the prayer. Rev. B. F. Hall preached the sermon on the subject, "The Power of God." Rev. M. C. MacQueen charged the pastor, and Rev. L. A. Taylor charged the congregation. The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved and the Commission was dismissed with prayer.

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The report of the Committee on World Missions was presented by the Chairman, H. Reid Newland, and was adopted as follows:

### COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS

It is encouraging to note that so far there has been an increase in the contributions to World Missions over last year. On April 1, 1950, the Board of World Missions expressed its gratification in the raising of the first half of the Foreign Mission goal in the Program of Progress. This meant that \$2,000,000 of the \$4,000,000 which is being sought had been received. The securing of the remainder will be the special goal before the Church during the season of missionary emphasis which has been authorized by the General Assembly, January 1 - February 4, 1951.

Lest there be those who might have the attitude that the whole amount of \$4,000,000 is no longer needed because of the situation in China, the following answers are given:

1. The total asked for by our Missions through the Program of Progress was not \$4,000,000, but \$5,328,000. The \$4,000,000 which the Program of Progress is seeking to raise for Foreign Missions would not, even if it were secured in toto, meet the requirements that our Missions have listed. Even if China were left out entirely, and the Program of Progress askings of our Missions were reduced by \$1,500,000 (the amount allocated to China), the sum of \$4,000,000 would be required to meet the needs of our other fields.

2. The estimates that were submitted by our Missions four or five years ago will now have to be revised upward by at least 25% or 30%. Actually, the completion of our \$4,000,000 fund will fall short of meeting the askings of our fields, without including China.

**CHINA**—It is a mistake to assume that our work is at a standstill in China. The fact is that it is continuing today to an amazing extent. While our missionary force on the field has now been reduced to 16, the work of our schools, hospitals, churches, and chapels is proceeding under native leadership and management, in many cases with surprising productivity. As an evidence of the persistent and on-going character of our work, our China Mission has requested for the current year the same appropriation for the maintenance of the work that has been required during the two previous years. Here is practical evidence of the fact that this program of evangelistic, educational, and medical work has seen very little contraction.

**KOREA**—The situation in Korea remains on a day-to-day basis. Some of the missionaries have returned and some of the work has been reopened. The progress of the war will determine whether those on the field will have to withdraw again or not. The missionaries have been granted full discretion to stay or leave according to the changing situation. The Church in Korea remains strong in spite of its many hardships and persecutions. Actually the efforts of the invading Communists to stamp it out have had the opposite effect. The Gospel has been carried into hundreds of new communities as the

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native Christian leaders fled for their lives and went into hiding. It will cost much to restore destroyed or damaged Mission property.

The work in the other Mission Fields of Mexico, Brazil, the Belgian Congo, Japan, Portugal, and the Andes continues to progress marvelously. The only things holding the work back are the lack of the necessary workers and funds.

The commissioning of 35 new missionaries at the concluding service of the Foreign Mission Conference in Montreat on the evening of August 9 was a feature event of the Conference. This brings to approximately 200 the number of new missionaries who have gone out in the past five years; still our total force stands at about 400, or approximately 115 less than we had 25 years ago. There is a heartening response throughout the Church today on the part of our Young People to the call of missions, but the time has not yet come when we can slacken our efforts to secure a larger supply of the very best young men and women that our Church can produce.

**OVERSEAS RELIEF**—The Department of Overseas Relief and Interchurch Aid is now completely integrated with the Board of World Missions. The Rev. Paul B. Freeland has accepted the call of the Board to be its new Secretary of Overseas Relief and Interchurch Aid. He took up his new duties on September 1. The functions of the Department remain practically unchanged. It is now supported by the use of a part of the percentage allotted to World Missions in the budget of the General Assembly. The main objectives for which contributions to Overseas Relief and Interchurch Aid are used are: For Relief in Europe and Asia, through Church World Service—80%; The American Bible Society—10%; Orphaned Missions—3%; Contingent Fund—7%. The goal for the current year is to secure \$600,000 in cash and 600,000 pounds of clothing. The Easter 1951 offering is designated for this cause.

The General Assembly's Standing Committee on World Missions urged that the Church as a whole give serious consideration to the gradual scaling down that has been going on in the percentage assigned to Foreign Missions. In some Presbyteries it has been reduced to one-half of what it was fifteen years ago. In 1927-28 the per capita giving to Foreign Missions was \$3.74. In 1948-49 it had dropped to \$2.18.

### **Recommendations**

We recommend:

1. That all pastors of churches be authorized in the name of the Presbytery to issue to our people a ringing challenge to a missionary advance through an unprecedented outpouring of prayer and life and means for the salvation of the world.
2. That the Annual Report of the Board of World Missions be commended to all our pastors and churches as an incentive and inspiration to the whole body of the Church at home.
3. Recognizing the need for the living touch with our Foreign Mission enterprise, it is recommended that pastors and congregations invite foreign missionaries to visit their churches as often as opportunity affords.
4. That the World Mission season, January 1 - February 4, 1951, be observed in all our churches as a time for church-wide dedication to

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the world task of Christian missions; that all of our ministers be urged to preach frequently and fervently on missions; and that the whole church be called to fervent prayer for this effort.

5. That every church in the Presbytery, with its organizations, be asked to observe January 28 - February 4, 1951, as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions, and that all sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings in the churches.

6. That all organizations, men's work, women of the Church, church schools, and young people's societies, be urged to make the largest possible use of the special World Mission Season, using the book produced by our Educational Department entitled "A Story to Tell," presenting a study of our own mission fields; and that the book, "Introducing Islam," by Dr. J. Christy Wilson, be used for the interdenominational study which this year is on the Near East.

7. That all churches, societies, and individuals assume wherever possible responsibility for definite parts of the World Mission work.

8. That the attention of our churches be called to the fact that only a little over one-half of the goal of \$4,000,000 for World Missions in the Program of Progress has been raised and that the Presbytery commend to the churches an earnest and vigorous effort to complete the raising of this goal.

9. That the young people's World Mission objective, "\$20,000 for Student Help," designated to bring students from our mission fields to this country for study and mutual acquaintance, be commended to all our youth organizations.

10. That the Presbytery renew the call for reinforcements of personnel in our various missions. The missions are calling for a total of 250 new missionaries. "Let us pray the Lord of harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

11. That the Easter 1951 Offering be designated for Overseas Relief and Interchurch Aid.

A representative group from Garland, N. C., presented a petition for the organization of a church to be known as the Garland Presbyterian Church. The petition was signed by 33 adults. The Rev. M. C. MacQueen reported on the work at Garland. Presbytery granted the petition, which read as follows:

### **PETITION**

We, the undersigned residents of Garland, N. C., and vicinity, hereby petition the Presbytery of Wilmington in session at Red Springs, N. C., January 16, 1951, to organize a Presbyterian church in Garland, N. C. Signed: L. A. Warren, Sr., Mrs. L. A. Warren, Sr., P. S. Cromartie, Mrs. Thelma M. Stafford, J. J. Stafford, Jr., L. A. Warren, Jr., Mrs. D. Lewis Cromartie, John S. (Jack) Cromartie, Mrs. W. H. Carter, Mrs. R. O. Congleton, Anne Lamb, Mrs. Colin L. Lamb, O. L. Croom, Jr., Mrs. Willie Belle Croom, Oliver L. Croom, Harold B. Lamb, David L. Cromartie, Jr., William E. Stafford, Jno. D. Dyson, Mrs. John Dyson, Mrs. Geneva H. Stafford, Mrs. David B. Searight,

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Arnold Stuart Dyson, E. W. Ayers, Mrs. Betty B. Ayers, H. B. Lamb, Miriam Lamb, Mattie Lamb, Mrs. L. A. Warren, Jr., Leon H. Lamb, Willis Wright Orr, Billy Orr, Margaret Willis Orr.

The Rev. B. F. Hall reported orally for the Committee on the Establishment of the Wrightsville Beach Church. Presbytery received the report as information. Presbytery authorized the Home Mission Committee to borrow a sum not to exceed \$8,000.00 for the completion of the building at Wrightsville Beach.

The Rev. Robert Lee Turner was presented for examination for reception into this Presbytery. The certificate from Orange Presbytery having been found in order, the examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Smith and was sustained.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: The Rev. C. C. Myers, chairman; the Rev. M. G. Stimpson; and Ruling Elder A. M. Davis.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: The Rev. J. W. Mann, chairman; the Rev. B. E. Dotson; and Ruling Elder D. D. Clark.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS: The Rev. W. H. Goodman, chairman; the Rev. N. P. Farrior; and Ruling Elder M. V. Orr.

Presbytery recessed for lunch in the college dining hall, and grace was asked by the Rev. B. F. Hall.

### **Afternoon Session**

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by the Rev. J. M. Smith.

The examination of the Rev. Robert Lee Turner was continued, with the Rev. N. P. Farrior conducting the examination on Views on Theology, and the Rev. B. E. Dotson, that on Church Government and the Sacraments. The examination was sustained as a whole, and the Rev. Robert Lee Turner was received into the Presbytery pending his signing of the Presbyterial Obligations. The calls for the Rev. Mr. Turner having been found in order, were placed in his hands. He signified his acceptance of them. Presbytery appointed the following Commission to install him as pastor of the Currie, Pike, and Rocky Point churches, the time and parts to be decided by the Commission: Ministers—W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, M. G. Stimpson; Ruling Elders—E. F. Langston, C. E. Fesperman, H. A. Walker.

Mr. T. F. Clark, a member of the Elizabethtown Church, seeking to be received under the care of Presbytery as a can-

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andidate for the Ministry, was presented and recommended by the Rev. W. H. Allison. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen, and that on Motives for Seeking the Ministry by the Rev. B. F. Hall. The examination was sustained as a whole, and the Constitutional Questions were asked by the Moderator. Having been received under the care of Presbytery, the candidate was charged by the Rev. B. F. Hall. Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

The following were elected as Principals and Alternates to the next meeting of the General Assembly:

Principals: Ministers—C. B. Craig, H. Reid Newland, J. D. Withrow; Ruling Elders—H. R. Southerland, A. F. Wells, W. M. Boice.

Alternates: Ministers—D. A. Bowles, W. L. Foley, J. M. Waggett; Ruling Elders—H. L. Joslyn, R. S. Troy, George Beatty.

Presbytery voted to grant all visiting Deacons the privileges of the floor during the discussion of the report of the Stewardship Committee. The Chairman, the Rev. W. B. Hood, introduced Mr. John Diefell, a Deacon in the Wallace Church, who presented the report. It was adopted as follows:

### COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Mr. Moderator and Brethren, your Finance Committee begs leave to submit the following annual report and recommendations to the Presbytery:

First, we ask you to review the record of contributions to benevolences, as it has been reported by the Sessions of the Presbytery for the following years:

Church Year	Total Contributions	Per Capita	Benevolent Contributions	Per Capita	Per Capita % Given to Benevolences
1925-26	\$191,521	\$28.08	\$ 89,278	\$11.62	29%
1939-40	138,810	16.24	40,371	4.72	25%
1944-45	226,331	24.62	79,047	8.60	26%
1949-50	455,731	41.67	111,197	11.82	22%

It is interesting to note that of the \$455,731 total giving in 1949-50 the sum of \$118,448 went to buildings in our Presbytery while \$111,197 was the total given to all benevolent causes adopted by the Presbytery.

Your attention is called to the fact that the total contributions to all benevolent causes during the year 1949-50 was \$111,197. Of that amount \$23,148 did not pass through our central treasury. Of the \$88,049 that did pass through our central treasury \$69,087 was undesignated and was divided, as per the instructions of the Presbytery, by the percentages, among all causes adopted by the Presbytery. The designated funds plus those that did not pass through our central treasury made a total of \$42,110, which is 38% of our total benevolent

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giving, leaving only 62% to be divided by the percentages set up by Presbytery.

Our per capita contributions to benevolences continue to lag behind that of the General Assembly (\$13.96) and also that of the Synod of North Carolina (\$14.32). Our Presbytery ranks 77th among 87 Presbyteries of the General Assembly. We do not believe that this comparison represents the economic conditions of our section of the Assembly in comparison with that of other sections. Our section is far more prosperous than that comparison indicates. We are of the opinion that other Presbyteries have done a better job of teaching Stewardship than we have done. It would be a good thing for each of us to go back to our home church and find out how our Church compares in its per capita giving with the Assembly and the Synod.

Second, your committee recommends that for the church year 1951-52 we adopt a budget which totals \$117,448.00, for the causes of the church as follows:

### ASSEMBLY CAUSES

	Budget for 1951-52		Budget for 1950-51 (For Comparison)	
World Missions	20%	\$23,497.60	21%	\$21,569.10
Church Extension	8	9,339.04	7	7,189.70
Education	3.5	4,112.08	3.5	3,594.85
Annuites and Relief	2	2,349.76	3.5	3,594.85
General Fund	5	5,874.40	5	5,135.50
Inter-Church Agencies	0.5	587.44		
	39%	\$45,820.32	40%	\$41,084.00

### PRESBYTERY CAUSES

	Budget for 1951-52		Budget for 1950-51 (For Comparison)	
Church Extension	24%	\$28,197.12	25%	\$25,677.50
Administration	7	8,224.16	7	7,189.70
Flora Macdonald	4.5	5,286.96		
	35.5%	\$41,708.24	32%	\$32,867.20

### SYNOD CAUSES

	Budget for 1951-52		Budget for 1950-51 (For Comparison)	
Church Extension	5%	\$ 5,874.40	8%	\$ 8,216.80
Educational Inst.	9	10,573.92	9.5	9,757.45
Orphans' Home	5	5,874.40	5	5,135.50
Union Theo. Sem.	1.5	1,762.32	1.5	1,540.65
Religious Education	2	2,349.76	2	2,054.20
Student Word	1	1,174.88	1	1,027.10
Home for Aged	.5	587.44	.5	513.55
Wm. Black Home	.5	587.44	.5	513.55
Administration	1	1,174.88		
	25.5%	\$29,959.44	28%	\$28,758.80

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Our Presbytery has been requested to accept an asking of \$80,000.00 for the Assembly and Synod Causes. We are recommending the acceptance of \$75,779.76. This represents an increase for these causes above the budget of last year in the amount of \$5,779.76, and a cut of \$4,220.24 on the askings.

You will note, however, that we are including in our recommended budget the sum of \$5,286.96 for Flora Macdonald College, which is a new cause in the budget of our Presbytery.

### YOUR COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDS

1. That the Presbytery accept this budget and that we urge every local church to accept seriously its apportionment and make a sincere effort to pay it in full.
2. That Presbytery strongly urge that all benevolent funds, special and undesignated, from all the departments of the church be sent through the local church's Treasurer of Benevolences to the Central Treasurer of Benevolences in the Presbytery, Rev. L. A. Taylor.
3. That the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery be directed to divide all undesignated funds coming into his hands in such a way that each cause in the budget shall, at the end of the church year, have received its percentage share of all benevolence funds. (The Thanksgiving offering for the Orphans' Home being an exception.)
4. That Presbytery designate March 4, 1951, as Every-Member-Canvass Day and that the canvass be not considered complete until every member has either made a pledge, or after having the claims of the church presented to him in person by a representative of the church, refused to make a pledge.
5. That the period February 4 - March 4 be designated the special season for emphasizing the STEWARDSHIPS OF LIFE AND POSSESSIONS, and that pastors be directed to preach repeatedly on this theme.
6. That, recognizing the important place that the Scriptures give to the tithe as an element contributing to the spiritual development, emphasis be given to the promotion of the "separate portion." We further call attention to the recommendations of both the Assembly and the Synod, that October and November, 1951, when we shall complete the PROGRAM OF PROGRESS, be a season in which all can experience, and in many instances, pioneer, in this phase of Christian living—in this "Our Tithing Adventure."
7. That Mother's Day be continued as a day of special offering for the Home for the Aged.
8. That Deacons who serve as Board Chairmen or Treasurers of Benevolences in their respective churches be invited to attend the annual meeting of the Presbytery at which the budget of the Presbytery is to be considered for adoption, and that the Deacons be given the privilege of the floor for this item of business.
9. That the Executive Secretary of Presbytery receive six cents per mile for traveling expenses. The amount of the mileage to be computed from the speedometer reading minus ten per cent for private use.

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10. That the budget of \$117,488.00 be apportioned among the churches as follows:

CHURCH	\$10.00 Per Member Would Have Been	Givings For 1949-50 Actual	Asked To Give For 1951-52
Acme	\$ 430.00	\$ 217.00	\$ 300.00
Antioch	540.00	-----	100.00
Ashwood	600.00	386.00	400.00
Baker	480.00	239.00	300.00
Beth Car	550.00	553.00	600.00
Bethany	1,070.00	656.00	900.00
Bethel	2,220.00	-----	720.00
Beulaville	810.00	335.00	600.00
Black River	720.00	1,099.00	900.00
Bladenboro	440.00	137.00	300.00
Bowden	250.00	185.00	250.00
Brunswick	140.00	97.00	100.00
Burgaw	1,170.00	1,283.00	1,800.00
Calypso	1,340.00	657.00	800.00
Cape Fear	250.00	257.00	250.00
Carolina Beach	760.00	423.00	400.00
Caswell	1,250.00	667.00	800.00
Chadbourn	1,920.00	1,060.00	1,200.00
Chinquapin	1,580.00	410.00	600.00
Clarkton	3,350.00	2,980.00	4,500.00
Croatan	240.00	100.00	120.00
Currie	350.00	206.00	120.00
Delgado	780.00	689.00	900.00
Elizabethtown	1,900.00	1,958.00	2,700.00
Elkton	320.00	94.00	120.00
Faison	1,890.00	869.00	1,000.00
Graves Memorial	3,440.00	5,674.00	5,500.00
Grove	1,430.00	392.00	480.00
Hallsville	1,290.00	540.00	600.00
Harmony	910.00	330.00	400.00
Harper-Southerland	460.00	152.00	180.00
Holly Grove	750.00	344.00	400.00
Hebron	200.00	-----	-----
Hopewell	1,280.00	300.00	600.00
Immanuel	3,040.00	2,177.00	2,400.00
Jacksonville	2,450.00	2,582.00	2,100.00
Lake Waccamaw	850.00	559.00	850.00
McClure Memorial	750.00	302.00	600.00
Maple Hill	210.00	42.00	100.00
Mt. Horeb	270.00	86.00	300.00
Mt. Olive	2,990.00	2,535.00	3,000.00
Mt. Williams	320.00	51.00	100.00
Mt. Zion	2,270.00	1,504.00	1,800.00
Myrtle Grove	1,010.00	437.00	500.00
New Hope	780.00	475.00	420.00
Oakdale	350.00	50.00	120.00
Oak Plains	640.00	325.00	400.00
Page's Mill	210.00	9.00	100.00
Pearsall Memorial	2,220.00	2,083.00	2,100.00

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Pike	780.00	200.00	300.00
Pink Hill	700.00	347.00	400.00
Pleasant View	580.00	171.00	300.00
Potts Memorial	1,050.00	160.00	480.00
Pollocksville	950.00	817.00	900.00
Rock Fish	1,500.00	1,199.00	1,200.00
Rocky Point	1,112.00	200.00	500.00
St. Andrews-Covenant	12,920.00	29,741.00	25,000.00
Smith	630.00	116.00	300.00
Southport	1,130.00	142.00	500.00
South River	520.00	395.00	400.00
Stanford	720.00	50.00	300.00
Tabor City	270.00	—	100.00
Teachey	1,120.00	480.00	700.00
Topsail	1,010.00	246.00	600.00
Warsaw	1,480.00	1,450.00	1,500.00
Wallace	3,620.00	5,242.00	5,100.00
Webb Memorial	1,150.00	671.00	500.00
Westminster	2,410.00	3,469.00	4,800.00
White Plains	650.00	120.00	180.00
Whiteville First	2,400.00	2,464.00	3,200.00
Wildwood	690.00	634.00	600.00
Willard	630.00	541.00	600.00
Wilmington First	10,150.00	19,618.00	22,000.00
Winter Park	3,260.00	3,438.00	3,500.00
Woodburn	1,050.00	434.00	600.00

11. We call the attention of the Presbytery to the following statement from the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1950: "The General Assembly reaffirms its position that the above askings shall be the total amount expected from the church by the Every Member Canvass and all supplementary gifts, and recommends that each church choose either of the following methods that best suit the individual situation in raising its funds: (1) by including in its local budget a certain portion of its benevolence askings to be contributed through the Every Member Canvass and the envelopes, with the balance to be secured by special offerings to certain causes, or (2) by including the total askings in the budget without special offerings.

The Rev. N. P. Farrior, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion. It was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

The answer to question 60 of the Shorter Catechism tells us that "The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy."

Following this teaching, church people, for the most part, continue to close up their businesses or leave off their regular employment on this day. They use the day by attending Sunday School or church services, or both, rallies or inspirational meetings of church groups,

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resting in their homes, or cultivating Christian fellowship with their fellow church members. Such is the habitual practice of some, and the occasional practice of others.

The answer to question 61 of our Catechism states "The Fourth Commandment forbiddeth the omission or the careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works about our worldly employments or recreations."

This negative phase of observance is practiced by many of our church people still, especially among the older members. But by many church members, as by most non-church members, the day is observed by fishing, baseball, golf, movies, regional conventions of professional or other organizations, and by business as usual.

This modern departure from Shorter Catechism standards was a shock to us who grew up under a fair semblance of its observance; but most of the younger people of our time have never known its meaning, and take the present situation for the natural thing. Various kinds of business and all forms of recreation are engaged in by some of our people on almost every Sunday. And there is no evidence that our Sessions or our Presbyteries find any fault with the practice, or express any censure. As a Church we have silently acquiesced in the trend toward keeping a holy holiday unto ourselves, instead of a holy Sabbath unto the Lord.

It is obvious that there is a diversity of opinion in the interpretation of Scripture teaching concerning Sabbath observance. It is also apparent that not very many people any longer take in complete literalness the language of our Catechism. That language was an interpretation of Scripture teaching by the Westminster Assembly. It may be that we have come to the place where we should examine both our profession and our practice, and see whether the language of our Catechism is truly a scriptural interpretation, or whether we have done wrong in departing from it and accommodating our form of Sabbath observance to the practice of the world—the world which does not trouble itself about scriptural interpretation.

Family religion is still, as always, observed by grace at meals, and in about the usual degree by the use of Bible story books, church papers, and other religious literature. We should not overlook here the Bible study and other study done by the Women of the Church. The reading of those books and preparation of papers and study lectures are done in the home.

Some churches make use of some of the forms of modern scientific approach to the study of religion in the home, and how to make it effective. Day by Day if also extensively used.

There is nevertheless the feeling that much waits to be done in this field. Because the world outside our homes and our churches, in which our children must go to school and work, is so little concerned with the Biblical interpretation of life and conduct, more vital than ever has become the home as the training ground for fear of God and righteousness.

Attention is called to recommendation 9 of the Standing Committee on Education, Minutes of the General Assembly 1950, p. 74: "That sessions, in view of the pressing need of parents for practical assistance in meeting their Christian family responsibilities, be requested

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to appoint church committees on the Christian Home to work with the Department of the Christian Home of the Board of Education in serving this need." The Annual Report of the Board of Education, 1950, p. 22, shows that this department of emphasis is in process of being set up and providing a program.

This committee recommends:

1. That Ministers and Elders study carefully the whole problem of the meaning and value of the Sabbath, and how it should be observed in order to make it achieve the end for which Christ said it was made. "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: so that the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath."
2. That Ministers preach on the Sabbath, or make such reference to it that Sabbath keeping may be properly emphasized.
3. That young people be encouraged to study the problem of Sabbath observance critically and thoughtfully.
4. That we endeavor to make use of the facilities that the Department of the Christian Home of our Board of Education may offer.
5. That we encourage the use of Bible storybooks, church papers, and suitable books for parents, in the home, remembering that religion in the home means as truly the learning adult as the learning child.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by the Rev. J. M. Smith and was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: The Rev. R. L. McBath.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: Ministers—E. D. Witherspoon, N. P. Farrior, D. A. Bowles; Ruling Elders—E. L. Derrick, Jr., J. B. Huntington.

COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE: The Rev. Priestley Conyers III.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMES: The Rev. C. B. Craig to replace the Rev. W. L. Foley.

Dr. W. C. Mebane made a brief oral report for the Special Committee on Evangelism. This report included the following summary, which was ordered printed in Presbytery's minutes:

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

#### Membership Gains or Losses Over Twenty-Five Year Period 1926 - 1950

##### Lost in Membership (6)

Acme	17	Immanuel	21
Bowden	3	South River	38
Delgado	36	White Plains	3

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**Gained Ten or Less (15)**

Beth Car  
Black River  
Croatan  
Currie  
Elkton  
Maple Hill  
Mt. Williams  
Mt. Horeb  
Hebron  
Oakdale  
Rockfish  
Tabor City  
Topsail  
Rocky Point

**Gained From 11 to 25 (11)**

Antioch  
\*Brunswick  
Caswell  
Harmony  
\*Page's Mill  
Pike  
Pleasant View  
Pollocksville  
Stanford  
Wildwood

**Gained 26 to 50 (13)**

Baker  
Beulaville  
Burgaw  
Calypso  
Chinquapin  
\*Bladenboro  
Faison  
\*Harper-Southerland  
Holly Grove  
New Hope  
Oak Plains  
Smith  
Warsaw

**Gained 51 to 75 (4)**

\*Ashwood  
Lake Waccamaw  
Pink Hill  
Teachey

**Gained 76 to 100 (8)**

\*Carolina Beach  
Chadbourn  
Clarkton  
Grove  
Hallsville  
Mt. Olive  
Mt. Zion  
Southport

**Gained 101 to 125 (12)**

\*Bethany  
Bethel  
\*Cape Fear  
Elizabethtown  
\*McClure Memorial  
\*Myrtle Grove  
\*Potts Memorial  
Wallace  
\*Webb Memorial  
Westminster  
\*Woodburn  
Winter Park

**Gained 126 - 150 (1)**

First, Whiteville  
Gained 151 - 200 (3)  
Jacksonville  
Pearl Memorial  
First, Wilmington  
Gained 201 and More (2)  
Graves Memorial  
St. Andrews-Covenant

\*Indicates a new church.

**SUMMARY OF GAINS OVER A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE  
YEARS — 1926 - 1950**

<b>25 Years Ago</b>	<b>10 Years Ago</b>	<b>5 Years Ago</b>	<b>1950</b>
No. of Churches 71	69	72	75
No. of Ministers 30	41	39	43
No. of Elders 269	299	333	430
No. of Deacons 299	443	392	480
No. of Members 6,820	8,546	9,190	10,696
S. S. Enrollment 5,894	6,989	7,071	8,209

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### Capitulation

1926-1940	Gained	1,726 or 115 per year
1941-1945	Gained	644 or 129 per year
1946-1950	Gained	1,506 or 301 per year
Total Membership Gain Over 25-Year Period		3,876
Total Sunday School Enrollment Gain Over 25-Year Period		2,315

Presbytery voted to drop the name of J. B. Sherwood from its roll of candidates because of failure to heed the advice of the Presbytery in his choice of Seminary.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting recommended the acceptance of the invitation from the Clarkton Church and this was adopted.

The report of the Committee of Resolutions of Thanks was presented and adopted as follows:

### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

The Wilmington Presbytery wishes to express its joy for having had the opportunity of meeting at Flora Macdonald College. Having been entertained in such a gracious way is an experience we will not forget.

We give our thanks to Mr. Smith and the choral club for their inspiring and lovely music.

To the four girls who so inspiringly and so sincerely convinced us of the value of the existence of Flora Macdonald and the spirit behind it, and who so satisfactorily assured us that all our efforts and sacrifices in behalf of Flora Macdonald College would yield fruit one hundred fold—

To Dr. Woodson for arranging his program to permit this meeting and for all his accommodations—

To those who prepared our bountiful dinner, and the girls who waited on us—

To the college itself for its Christian spirit—the presence of which has pervaded our own hearts and which will remain a part of us.

We also would express our happiness over the decision about the Garland Church, to welcome them heartily, and to pledge our supporting loyalty both to them and the construction of the Wrightsville Beach Church.

The name of Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington was placed in nomination for the next Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

### COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Excused from attending this meeting: Ministers—E. D. Wither-spoon, P. L. Clark.

Excused after 2 p.m.: The Rev. R. L. McBath.

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Excused after 4 p.m.: Ministers—J. W. Miller, Neill G. Stevens, B. E. Dotson; Ruling Elders—K. M. Corbett, D. D. Clark, P. H. Myers, G. Tadlock, David Gillis, A. F. Wells.

The roll was called again and unexcused absences noted. Eighteen Ministers and twenty-seven Ruling Elders responded.

The minutes were read, amended, and approved.

Presbytery adjourned after prayer to meet at the Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, N. C., Tuesday, April 10, 1951, at 10:00 a.m.

H. REID NEWLAND,  
Permanent Clerk

L. A. TAYLOR,  
Stated Clerk

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STATED SESSION

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in its 174th Stated Session at the Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, N. C., Tuesday, April 10, 1951, at 10:00 a.m. A worship service was conducted by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. J. M. Newbold, Jr. After an appropriate and beautiful solo by Mrs. McDougald, the Moderator preached a sermon on "Immortality," based on I Corinthians, Chapter 15.

The roll was called and a quorum was declared present. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: P. L. Clark, C. C. Myers, J. W. Miller, J. S. Crowley, M. C. MacQueen, C. B. Craig, William Crowe, Jr., A. K. Dudley, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor, J. M. Smith, J. M. Waggett, H. R. Newland, W. H. Goodman, J. M. Newbold, Jr., D. A. Bowles, M. G. Stimpson, W. L. Foley, Priestley Conyers III, J. W. Mann, Neill G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, C. R. Stegall, W. F. F. Little, J. W. Ware, Robert L. Turner. (29)

Ruling Elders: T. B. Campbell, Ashwood; W. M. Dail, Baker; H. B. Rivenbark, Bethany; P. H. Myers, Beth Car; Gardner Edwards, Beulaville; L. G. Beatty, Black River; J. Frank Davis, Bladenboro; Johnnie P. Dozier, Brunswick; H. M. Corbett, Burgaw; Adrain Dail, Calypso; D. N. Page, Carolina Beach; W. D. Turlington, Chadbourn; John Hollingsworth, Chinquapin; S. Singletary, Clarkton; W. C. Scoggins, Delgado; J. S. Elkins, Elkton; P. S. Cromartie, Garland; H. L. Seagrove, Graves Memorial; S. L. Ferrell, Grove; Ralph Miller, Hallsville; A. H. Kerr, Harmony; Nick Smith, Harper-Southerland; Frank Ballentine, Holly Grove; J. B. Rivenbark, Hopewell; W. J. Burt, Immanuel; Raymond Marshall, Jacksonville; J. M. Council, Lake Waccamaw; Robert Cowan, Maple Hill; Paul Savage, Mt. Horeb; W. H. Kornegay, Mt. Olive; H. E. Latham, Mt. Zion; A. C. Newkirk, Oak Plains; Paul R. Jordan, Pearsall Memorial; Wiley Batson, Pike; John H. Bender, Pollocksville; J. L. Willoughby, Potts Memorial; C. H. Smith, Rockfish; H. L. Webb, Rocky Point; J. B. Huntington, St. Andrews-Covenant; Ray Smith, Smiths; Henry Beatty, South River; Simon Quinn, Stanford; D. H. Boney, Teachey; M. V. Orr, Warsaw; J. W. Kellogg, Webb Memorial; H. M. Leaman, Westminister; Nash Clark, White Plains; W. G. Prevatte, Whiteville First; James G. Murdock, Wildwood; E. L. English, Willard; A. T. Summey, Wilmington First; G. G. Murray, Winter Park. (52)

A message of welcome and information was given by the Rev. J. W. Miller, the host pastor.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. C. R. Stegall. Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington, of the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Among the visitors introduced were the Rev. W. S. Whitsett, of the Congregational Church, who is serving as Supply at the Oak Grove and Wrightsville Beach chapels; Dr. D. P. McGeachey; Ruling Elders attending for the first time; and visiting Deacons.

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The docket was adopted as presented.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented by the various sub-Committee chairmen.

The Rev. R. L. McBath presented the report on the Young People's work and it was adopted as follows:

### **SUB-COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**

The Sub-Committee on Young People's Work of the Board of Education reports the following plans that have been made in connection with young people's work in the Presbytery:

The annual Spring Rally will be held at the St. Andrew's-Covenant Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon and night, April 29, 1951. This rally is Presbytery-wide. Since this rally is the only opportunity for all of the young people of the Presbytery to meet at one time, it is requested that this date be held free of other meetings in the local churches in order that the young people of every church may attend.

The Summer Conference for the young people will be held at Flora Macdonald College, June 18-23. It is the opinion of your sub-Committee that every effort should be made by the ministers and sessions to encourage and assist the young people of their church or churches to attend the summer conference. This Committee will be glad to aid local churches in the enlistment of their young people for the conference period.

The Rev. A. K. Dudley presented an oral report for the Sub-Committee on Children's Work. It was received as information.

The Rev. J. M. Smith presented an oral report on Vacation Bible Schools. It was received as information.

The Rev. William Crowe, Jr., presented an oral report for the Sub-Committee on Educational Institutions. It was received as information.

The Rev. W. H. Allison presented to Presbytery Mr. James Fraser Miller, of the Clarkton Church, who came as a candidate for the ministry to be received under the care of Presbytery. His references were found in order. He was examined by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry. The examination was sustained and the Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions. These being answered in the affirmative and a brief charge having been given by the Rev. W. H. Allison, Presbytery received the candidate under its care. The Moderator led in prayer. Presbytery noted the fact that the candidate was the son of the host pastor, the Rev. J. W. Miller.

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Mrs. Walter Sprunt presented the report for the Women of the Church of Wilmington Presbytery. The report was adopted as follows:

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

On behalf of the Women of the Presbyterial, we bring greetings to Wilmington Presbytery in Spring Session at Clarkton. We are pleased to learn that Presbytery will be represented by your Chairman of the Committee of Women's Work, at the 63rd annual meeting held April 12-13 in Chadbourn. We hope that each minister of the Presbytery has received a copy of the Program which was mailed to him.

This has been a good year. Annual reports from the presidents of 64 local organizations were 100%. Definite evidence is noted of a deepening sense of spiritual values. To the question: "Number studying Bible in some class?" the answer last year was 1,630. To the same question this year it was 2,218. Nor is this increase accounted for by the physical growth which has been highly satisfactory. No report given as to number of women members in Circles is ever accurate for the reason that while the Board of Women's Work counts every woman of the congregation a member of the women's local organization, many local presidents cannot bring themselves to this high standard and continue to cast their women into two folds: the active and inactive groups. Constant pressure is made to overcome this tendency. And the so-called "inactive" women become the special object of concern, prayers, and thoughtful effort on the part of the leaders.

Interestingly enough, gain reported in number of tithers is only 12 for the year. It is recognized, however, that this is a difficult figure to arrive at, but it would seem that the field is wide open for the "Tithing Adventure" of the Program of Progress.

In our annual report to you last year, we deplored the small number of our women attending the Synodical and Montreat Training Schools. An appeal was made to the pastors to take notice of this lack and to lend aid and encouragement, for it is surely to the advantage of the local church as well as to the women's work at large. New registration is just beginning; there is no ceiling on hope—so we are expecting an improvement this year. This is without doubt the great weakness in the work and organization of our Presbyterial. We have the finest women to be found anywhere, and great potential leadership, but a dearth of the type of trained leaders which our well set up training schools are so adequately able to produce. Your influence is tremendous; we need your encouragement.

In this Presbyterial we no longer have that segregated group formerly known as "Business Women's Circles," meeting only at night. Now every woman is given her personal choice as to the type of circle she will attend and time of meeting. The division is interesting. One-half the total number meeting at night (Daddies are the baby-sitters for over-worked mamas) and the other half about equally divided between morning and afternoon hours.

Our budget, based on Presbytery's percentages, was met in full. Over and above gifts amounted to \$2,821.00 and included such outstanding projects as: "Furnishing a Presbyterial Memorial bedroom

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in Howerton Hall, Montreat; furnishing two student rooms at Peace College; William Black Memorial Home, Montreat; and White Cross. Total budget and over and above gifts, \$14,768.15.

An important and effective piece of work done during the year was cooperation with Presbytery in the Laymen's Christian Preaching Mission.

There was excellent attendance and great interest manifested at the seven District Days of Prayer held in October. These are all-day meetings with a full program.

We are glad to welcome two new organizations into the Presbyterial: Stanford and the Women of the new church at Garland. We regret giving up the Salem Chapel which has temporarily disbanded. Number of local organizations, 65—1 gained over last year.

Before concluding this lengthy report, may I, as I go out of office after a three-year term packed with change and development of women's work, leave with you two matters for thought? The first is that the women's work in the Presbyterial needs closer integration with the work of the Presbytery. There is a lack of essential information on both sides. All unconsciously, perhaps, we are pulling apart in some matters where we should be doing a fine piece of work in pulling together. Both groups could and should make more effective use of the Committee which the Presbytery has set up on Women's Work. This would certainly be to our mutual advantage.

The second thought is closely related to the first, and deals with the fact of the District Chairmen of the Presbyterial—with her office and work. These women are not lightly chosen but are nominated for office within their own districts. Then they are elected and installed as regular officers of the Presbyterial. An excellent Handbook issued each year by the Board of Women's Work instructs them in their duties and responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is that of studying her own district; consultation with the ministers in the district as to the welfare of different groups; the weak ones—the discouraged ones. It is her responsibility to organize by standards of the women's work any groups seeking admission into the Presbyterial. This should be done in consultation with the local pastor and with the Presbyterial President. A special conference is arranged for them at Montreat where they gather and meet from all parts of the Assembly. We usually have ours present 100%; reservations being made for them early in January of each year to insure rooms. These chairmen are in constant, close touch with the Presbyterial and are familiar with all phases of the work, planning programs of work, teaching officers training classes, etc. They are at the service of every local minister and will appreciate being useful to him.

We are happy to report that we feel we were providentially led in our choice of a new President for Wilmington Presbyterial. We come to this Sixty-third Annual Meeting with much joy in our hearts for this wonderful work committed unto us; and with praise in our hearts to God for His continued goodness to us and guidance.

Dr. W. C. Mebane, chairman of the Special Committee on the Program of Progress, presented Mr. Joseph Hood who gave an oral report on the Program of Progress. He stressed particularly the program, "An Adventure in Tithing," to be

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presented in the Fall. The report was received as information and the following recommendations adopted.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PROGRAM OF PROGRESS**

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That Presbytery approve the "Tithing Adventure" for the period of September 15 - December 15 and recommend to every church an enlistment in the "Tithing Adventure."
2. That churches unable to enlist in the Tithing Program in September, October, November, 1951, enlist for a similar period in January, February, March, 1952.
3. That Presbytery approve and encourage the use of Contact Men in the presentation of the "Tithing Adventure" in local churches.
4. That Presbytery appoint extra members to aid the Program of Progress Chairman in promoting the Tithing Program and to serve until March 31, 1952. The President of the Men, President of Women, and the Chairman of Sunday School Superintendents of the Presbytery to be members of this committee, along with as many others as Presbytery may deem wise.
5. That the cards distributed be signed now, as far as possible.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Audits—W. G. Prevatte, chairman; A. T. Summey, H. L. Seagrove.  
Leave of Absence—S. Singletary, chairman; W. L. Foley.

Resolutions of Thanks—J. W. Mann, chairman; J. W. Ware.

Place of Next Meeting—M. C. MacQueen, chairman; G. T. Sutton, W. H. Kornegay.

The minutes of the following Commissions were approved and ordered included in the minutes of Presbytery.

### **COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. ROBT. L. TURNER AT CURRIE**

The Commission appointed to install Rev. Robert Lee Turner, as pastor of the Currie Church, met at the church on Sunday, March 4, at 10:45 a.m. The Commission was constituted with prayer and the parts assigned. The Commission then adjourned to the Sanctuary. Rev. Wade H. Allison preached the sermon. Subject: "The Inadequacy of Man," text, Jeremiah 10:23. Rev. P. L. Clark presided and pronounced the Constitutional Questions. Rev. L. A. Taylor charged the pastor, Ruling Elder H. C. Walker charged the congregation. The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commission adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR, Clerk

### **COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. ROBERT L. TURNER AT PIKE**

The Commission appointed to install Rev. Robert Lee Turner, as pastor of the Pike Church, met at the church on Sunday, March 4,

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at 2:50 p.m. The Commission was constituted with prayer. After assigning the parts the Commission adjourned to the Sanctuary. Rev. Millard G. Stimpson preached the sermon. Subject: "Bearing Christ's Name Nobly," text, Exodus 20:7. Rev. L. A. Taylor presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions. Rev. Wade H. Allison delivered the charge to the pastor. Ruling Elder Wiley Batson delivered the charge to the congregation. The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commission adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR, Clerk

### **COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. ROBERT L. TURNER AT ROCKY POINT**

The Commission appointed to install Rev. Robert Lee Turner, as pastor of the Rocky Point Church, met at the church on Sunday, March 4, at 7:15 p.m. The Commission was constituted with prayer. The parts were assigned and the Commission adjourned to the Sanctuary. Rev. L. A. Taylor preached the sermon. Subject: "The Kingdom of God," text, Matt. 6:10.

Rev. Wade H. Allison presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions. Rev. Millard G. Stimpson delivered the charge to the pastor. Ruling Elder E. F. Langston delivered the charge to the congregation. The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved and the Commission adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR, Clerk

### **COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GARLAND, N. C.**

The Commission appointed to organize a church in Garland, N. C., met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Carter, in Garland, on February 18, 1951, at 7:15 p.m. Members present: Rev. M. C. MacQueen, chairman; Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. J. W. Mann, and Ruling Elder P. S. Cromartie. The Commission was constituted with prayer. Ruling Elder W. T. McLean of Clinton, was invited to sit as a visiting Elder. Rev. J. W. Mann was elected Clerk of the Commission. Mr. Joseph Ray Price presented himself before the Commission as a candidate for membership in the Garland Church. After satisfactory examination he was received on Profession of Faith and Baptism. The Commission adjourned to the Garland Methodist Church. A sermon was preached by Rev. L. A. Taylor from the text Acts 11:26.

Certificates and credentials of those desiring to unite with the church in Garland were examined and found satisfactory. These were:

By Certificate—Mr. E. W. Ayers, Mrs. E. W. Ayers, Mrs. W. H. Carter, Mrs. R. O. Congleton, Mr. P. S. Cromartie, Mrs. D. L. Cromartie, Sr., Mr. D. L. Cromartie, Jr., Mr. Alfred C. Cromartie, Mr. John S. Cromartie, Mr. Oliver L. Croom, Mrs. Oliver L. Croom, Oliver L. Croom, Jr., Mr. Colin Lamb, Mrs. Colin Lamb, Mr. Harold Lamb, Mr. Henry Lamb, Mrs. Henry Lamb, Mr. Leon Lamb, Miss Ann Lamb, Mrs. David B. Seawright, Mr. William Edgar Stafford, Mr. J. J. Stafford, Jr., Mrs. J. J. Stafford, Jr., Mr. L. A. Warren, Sr., Mrs. L. A. Warren, Sr.

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**By Reaffirmation of Faith**—Mrs. Leon Lamb, Mr. Henry Langham, Mr. J. H. Price, Mrs. J. H. Price, Mrs. L. A. Warren, Sr., Mrs. William Edgar Stafford.

**By Confession of Faith**—Miss Margaret Willis Orr.

**By Confession of Faith and Baptism**—Mrs. L. A. Warren, Jr., Mr. Joseph Ray Price.

Rev. M. C. MacQueen propounded the Constitutional Questions. These were answered in the affirmative and the church was declared organized in accordance with the Book of Church Order.

The following persons were elected to serve as Ruling Elders: Mr. P. S. Cromartie, Mr. D. L. Cromartie, Jr., Mr. J. J. Stafford, Jr., Mr. L. A. Warren, Sr. These were ordained and installed by the Commission, in accordance with the Book of Church Order.

The following persons were elected to serve as Trustees: Mr. Oliver Croom, Sr., Mr. Leon Lamb, Mr. J. J. Stafford, Jr.

The Commission retired, read and approved the Minutes and adjourned with prayer.

REV. M. C. MacQUEEN, Chairman

REV. J. W. MANN, Clerk

Note was taken of the fact that Candidate H. F. Chestnut had been dismissed to the care of Albemarle Presbytery, and his name was ordered removed from Presbytery's roll.

The Rev. L. A. Taylor presented the reports of Presbytery's Treasurer and Presbytery's Treasurer of Benevolences. They were adopted with their recommendations as follows:

### REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S TREASURER

#### Contingent Fund

Balance April 1, 1950.....	\$2,584.06
Receipts from Churches.....	3,748.90

Total .....	\$6,332.96
Disbursements .....	3,349.64

Balance .....	\$2,983.32
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Balance Itemized:

On Deposit in People's Bank April 1, 1951.....	\$2,655.62
Deposited in People's Bank April 6, 1951.....	286.05
Checks on hand not deposited.....	41.65

Balance .....	\$2,983.32
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Disbursements Itemized:

Assembly Regular Assessment.....	\$1,245.24
Assembly Special Assessment.....	410.00
Synod Regular Assessment.....	481.32
Wilmington Printing Co. for Minutes.....	418.50
Allotted to Presbytery's Office.....	300.00
Salary of Permanent Clerk.....	100.00

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Office Equipment (New).....	202.21
Annual Report Blanks.....	23.46
Stewardship Promotion .....	62.07
Leadership Training .....	34.00
Office Help .....	36.64
Postage .....	26.36
Incidentals .....	9.84
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$3,349.64</b>

Recommendations:

1. That the Treasurer of Presbytery be authorized to pay mileage to members of Presbytery's Committees at 6c per mile.
2. That the Treasurer of Presbytery be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$100.00 in any one year for Leadership Training in the Presbytery.
3. That the Treasurer of Presbytery be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$200.00 in any one year for general promotional work in the Presbytery.

**REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES**  
April 1, 1950 - March 31, 1951

1. Receipts:	
From Churches, Women of Church, Sunday Schools, and Youth Fellowships .....	\$90,188.65
2. Disbursements:	
A. Assembly Causes:	
Foreign Missions .....	\$21,100.44
Church Extension .....	7,365.50
Annuities and Relief .....	4,435.28
Education .....	4,169.35
General Fund .....	3,538.92
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	\$40,609.79
B. Synod Causes:	
Church Extension .....	\$ 5,775.63
Educational Institutions .....	7,462.44
Union Theological Seminary .....	1,085.96
Orphan's Home .....	5,492.35
Religious Education .....	1,611.67
Student Work .....	745.76
Home for Aged .....	3,176.89
William Black Home .....	388.58
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	\$25,739.28
C. Presbytery Causes:	
Home Missions .....	\$18,613.26
Administration .....	5,226.32
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	\$23,839.58

After prayer and the asking of a blessing Presbytery recessed for lunch at 1:00 p. m.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Presbytery reconvened with prayer at 2:00 p.m. Presbytery recessed for 20 minutes in order to examine the Sessional Records.

The following petition for the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., was presented and approved:

**PETITION FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH**

We, the undersigned residents of Wrightsville Beach, N. C., and community, do hereby respectfully petition the Presbytery of Wilmington, of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., assembled at Clarkton, N. C., to authorize and direct the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Wrightsville Beach, N. C. And to the organization of such a church we pledge our membership and support. Signed: McCray Root, Mrs. McCray Root, Ray M. Buck, Jr., Mrs. D. H. White, Helen White, Jack L. Lane, Elisabeth J. Caldwell, Edward Caldwell, W. E. Caldwell, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe I. Miller, Mrs. D. R. Whitted, D. R. Whitted, Mike Hawkins, LaNelle F. Strother, Otis F. Strother, Jr., Lamar Strother, Otis F. Strother III, Anne B. Lane, Mrs. J. R. Sneeden, Julian R. Rogers, Mrs. E. M. Hawkins, Mr. E. M. Hawkins, Mrs. C. E. Sanders, Mrs. W. L. Cross, Mrs. Frank O. Titus, Mary Maples Reed, Ross Maples, Frederic H. Simon, Mrs. F. H. Simon, Mrs. Paul Rivers, Nancy Louise Rivers, Mrs. Katie Tolar, Mrs. Gertrude B. Smith, Mrs. M. W. Harris, Stella Stone. (36)

The following Commission was appointed to organize the church at Wrightsville Beach: Ministers—B. F. Hall, William Crowe, Jr., A. K. Dudley; Ruling Elder W. M. Dickson of the Wilmington First Church.

The Standing Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting asked to be allowed to bring in a report later.

Presbytery voted to hear Dr. Louis LaMotte, President of Presbyterian Junior College, for a few minutes.

Richard Franklin Perkins, of the Wilmington First Church, and Clifton E. Dickson, Jr., of the Pearsall Memorial Church, were presented by the Rev. W. H. Allison as additional candidates to be received under the care of this Presbytery. The references of both were found in order. The candidates were examined on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry by the Rev. William Crowe, Jr. The examinations were sustained. The Moderator propounded the Constitutional Questions. The questions being answered in the affirmative, the Rev. Priestley Conyers gave the charge and led in prayer. The candidates were received under the care of Presbytery and their names enrolled.

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A letter of dismission for Mr. J. T. Hayter, Jr., from Abingdon Presbytery was presented. Mr. Hayter was presented by the Rev. W. H. Allison for examination for licensure and ordination in this Presbytery. He was examined on his knowledge of Theology by the Rev. N. P. Farrior; of Church Government, by the Rev. P. L. Clark; of the Sacraments, by the Rev. B. E. Dotson; of English Bible, by the Rev. L. A. Taylor. As each part of the examination had been sustained the examination was sustained as a whole. On the recommendation of the Rev. W. H. Allison, the thesis and exegesis were accepted as satisfactory by Presbytery. By consent of Presbytery, the candidate presented only the outline of his sermon, "Overcoming Doubts," based on Luke, Chapter 4. The sermon was approved and the Constitutional Questions were propounded by the Moderator. The questions were answered in the affirmative, the Moderator led in prayer, and the candidate was duly pronounced a licentiate to preach the Gospel. The calls from the Grove and Hallsville churches for the services of Mr. Hayter were found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Hayter accepted the calls. His examination was approved for ordination also and the following Commission was approved by Presbytery: Ministers: J. M. Newbold, Jr., chairman; William Crowe, Jr., M. G. Stimpson, W. B. Hood, alternate; Ruling Elders: R. V. Wells and A. H. Miller, alternate.

Presbytery, on the recommendation of its Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting, accepted the invitation of the Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, N. C., to meet there in July.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to draw up fitting resolutions in regard to the death of the Rev. F. M. Bain: Ministers: J. M. Newbold, Jr., and J. M. Smith; Ruling Elder: M. V. Orr

The Rev. H. Reid Newland requested that the pastoral relationship existing between himself and the Bethany and McClure Memorial churches be dissolved; that he be granted a letter of dismission to Concord Presbytery, effective May 1, 1951; and that he be allowed to resign as Permanent Clerk of Presbytery. The churches having concurred with regret, Presbytery granted the requests.

The Rev. N. P. Farrior brought in the report of the Committee on Nominations, and it was adopted as follows: World Missions: C. R. Stegall to replace H. R. Newland as

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a member and chairman; Church Extension: D. A. Bowles to replace F. M. Bain; Divorce and Remarriage: W. F. F. Little to replace Priestley Conyers, J. M. Newbold, Jr., to replace F. M. Bain; Permanent Clerk: J. W. Mann to succeed H. R. Newland; 1954 Class of Trustees for Flora Macdonald College: Ministers: William Crowe, Jr., and L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elder: J. H. Clark, and Mrs. G. O. Roger; Audits: Ruling Elders: Frank S. Wilson, chairman, J. A. Love, Jr., P. H. Myers; Sabbath and Family Religion: Ministers: J. M. Waggett, chairman, and J. W. Mann; Ruling Elders: Frank Haasis and H. E. Latham; Committee on Examinations: Experimental Religion—C. B. Craig and J. W. Miller, Academic Studies—J. M. Waggett and B. E. Dotson, Languages—N. P. Farrior and Neill G. Stevens, Theology—B. F. Hall and W. B. Hood, Church History—P. L. Clark and R. L. Turner, Church Government—W. L. Foley and A. K. Dudley, English Bible—J. W. Ware and W. H. Goodman, Committee Chairman—B. F. Hall.

The report of the Committee on Audits was adopted as follows:

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITS**

The Committee on Audits found the Treasurer's books well kept. The books were audited by Mr. J. Neveland Brand, a certified public accountant, of Wilmington, N. C. We recommend that his statement be made a part of our report and inserted in the minutes of Presbytery.

W. G. PREVATTE, Chairman

The Committee on Resolutions of Thanks reported through its Chairman, the Rev. J. W. Mann. The report, which follows, was adopted by a rising vote.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

The Presbytery of Wilmington wishes to express its appreciation to the Pastor, Officers, and members of the Clarkton Presbyterian Church for the privilege of meeting here. Especially do we thank the women of the congregation for the bountiful meal provided for our physical needs. We also thank the retiring Moderator, the Rev. J. M. Newbold, Jr., for his timely sermon.

Presbytery requests that a copy of this resolution be read to the congregation next Sunday.

The Rev. P. L. Clark presented the report of the Committee on Sessional Records, which was adopted as follows:

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### COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

The records of the Sessions of the churches of the Presbytery were approved with the following exceptions:

Hebron: No minutes for the year.

Hallsville: Only three meetings of the Session.

Caswell: 1. No stated meeting for the first quarter.

2. Congregational meetings recorded in place of meetings of Session.

3. Two meetings not dated.

Webb Memorial: Several meetings not opened and closed with prayer.

Burgaw: Two meetings not opened and closed with prayer.

White Plains: 1. Several meetings not opened and closed with prayer.

2. No representative elected to Presbytery.

Mt. Williams: Only two meetings of Session.

Currie: Book seems not to have been sent to Presbytery every year.

Pleasant View: One meeting of Session not opened with prayer.

Carolina Beach: Statistical report not written in book.

Harper-Southerland: 1. Only two meetings of Session.

2. Minutes not read and approved.

Bladenboro: Not all minutes signed.

Pink Hill: 1. Only two meetings of Session.

2. Minutes not approved by Session.

Holly Grove: 1. Only three meetings of Session.

2. Two meetings not closed with prayer.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

### COMMITTEE ON LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Excused after lunch: Ministers: R. L. McBath, E. D. Witherspoon, C. R. Stegall.

Excused after 4:00 p.m.: Ministers: Priestley Conyers, D. A. Bowles, W. B. Hood; Ruling Elders: J. W. Kellogg, James G. Murdock, W. G. Prevatte, Johnnie Dozier, A. H. Kerr.

Excused after 4:15 p.m.: The Rev. J. W. Ware; Ruling Elder D. N. Page.

Presbytery voted to continue this Committee, to instruct it to investigate all unexcused absences, and to have its report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery granted the Rev. Priestley Conyers permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery for the period of June 1, 1951 - May 31, 1952.

Presbytery requested the Rev. Priestley Conyers to submit his charge to the candidates in writing in order that it might be included in the minutes of Presbytery.

The name of the Rev. D. A. Bowles was placed in nomination for the next Moderator.

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The roll was called again and the following responded:

Ministers: P. L. Clark, C. C. Myers, J. W. Miller, J. S. Crowley, M. C. MacQueen, C. B. Craig, William Crowe, Jr., A. K. Dudley, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, J. M. Smith, J. M. Waggett, H. R. Newland, W. H. Goodman, J. M. Newbold, Jr., M. G. Stimpson, W. L. Foley, J. W. Mann, Neill G. Stevens, W. F. F. Little, Robert L. Turner. (23)

Ruling Elders: W. M. Dail, H. B. Rivenbark, P. H. Myers, Gardner Edwards, L. G. Beatty, J. Frank Davis, H. M. Corbett, Adrain Dail, W. D. Turlington, John Hollingsworth, S. Singletary, W. C. Scoggins, H. L. Seagrove, Ralph Miller, Nick Smith, Frank Ballentine, J. B. Rivenbark, William J. Burt, Raymond Marshall, J. M. Council, Robert Cowan, Paul Savage, W. H. Kornegay, H. E. Latham, A. C. Newkirk, Paul R. Jordan, Wiley Batson, John H. Bender, J. L. Willoughby, C. H. Smith, H. L. Webb, J. B. Huntington, Ray Smith, D. H. Boney, M. V. Orr, H. M. Leaman, Nash Clark, E. L. English, A. T. Summey, G. G. Murray, J. S. Elkins. (42)

Presbytery noted the unusually large number who stayed until the close of the meeting.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

After prayer, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, N. C., July 10, 1951, at 10:00 a.m.

H. REID NEWLAND, Permanent Clerk

L. A. TAYLOR, Stated Clerk

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A SYNOPSIS OF PRESBYTERY'S REPORT TO THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Number of churches.....	76
Number of Ministers.....	43
Number of Ruling Elders.....	471
Number of Deacons.....	492
Number of Communicants.....	11,072

Members Received:

By Profession of Faith.....	531
By Reaffirmation of Faith.....	141
By Certificate.....	458
Total.....	1,130

Sunday School Enrollment.....	9,297
Candidates for the Ministry.....	12
Ordinations.....	1
Installations.....	8
Dissolutions.....	6
Deaths.....	1
Churches Organized.....	1

Contributions:

Benevolences.....	\$111,075
Current Expenses.....	136,345
Building Expenses.....	132,529
Pastor's Salaries.....	93,169
Total.....	\$473,118
Per Capita Contributions.....	\$42.73
Per Capita Contributions to Benevolences.....	\$10.03

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### DIRECTORY

*Moderator*—J. B. Huntington, Wilmington, N. C.

*Executive Secretary, Stated Clerk, Treasurer of Presbytery, Central Treasurer of Benevolences*—Rev. L. A. Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.

*Permanent Clerk*—Rev. J. W. Mann, Atkinson, N. C.

### TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Exit 1955

Joshua S. James, Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark.

### TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Exit 1952; Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Exit 1953.

### TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Exit 1952

Rev. D. A. Bowles, E. L. Derrick, Mrs. O. L. Parker, Mrs. George Currie.

Exit 1953

Rev. B. E. Dotson, J. A. Love, Jr., Dr. W. C. Mebane, \_\_\_\_\_.

Exit 1954

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Rev. L. A. Taylor, James H. Clark, Mrs. G. O. Rogers.

### TRUSTEES OF PEACE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Exit 1952; Rev. W. B. Hood, Exit 1953.

### PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Chairman—William Crowe, Jr.

*Presbytery's Church Extension*—Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Chairman.

*Annuities and Relief*—Rev. Wade H. Allison.

*Stewardship*—Rev. William Crowe, Jr.

*Education*—Rev. B. Frank Hall.

*World Missions*—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

*Women of the Church*—Mrs. John Farrior and Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt.

*Men of the Church*—Litchfield Huie and H. S. Johnson, Deacon.

*Youth Council*—Betty Lou Lamb.

*Ruling Elders*—James H. Clark and W. M. Boice.

*Deacon*—Percy C. West.

### COMMITTEES

*World Missions*—Ministers: C. R. Stegall, D. A. Bowles, Carl B. Craig; Ruling Elders: H. M. Corbett, G. E. Fisher.

*Church Extension*—Ministers: M. C. MacQueen, D. A. Bowles, B. E. Dotson, W. L. Foley, E. D. Witherspoon, R. L. McBath, N. P. Farrior, A. K. Dudley; Ruling Elders: A. E. Gibson, Gordon Prevatte, Melvin Cording, J. B. Huntington.

*Education*—Ministers: B. F. Hall, Murphy Smith, Priestley Conyers III, M. G. Stimpson, Jack W. Ware, W. B. Hood, William Crowe, Jr., W. H. Allison, Robert L. McBath; Ruling Elders: E. W. Faires, M. V. Orr, S. M. Davis, A. R. Urquhart.

*Annuities and Relief*—C. B. Craig, J. M. Waggett, J. W. Mann; Ruling Elders: E. D. Wells, W. J. Calhoun.

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*Homes*—Ministers: J. M. Newbold, Jr., C. C. Myers, J. D. Withrow; Ruling Elders: J. B. Stroud, H. McN. Johnson, Mrs. P. R. Smith.

*Stewardship*—William Crowe, Jr., Neill G. Stevens, Litchfield Huie, Mrs. John Farrior; Ruling Elders: K. M. Corbett, H. E. Latham, H. G. McQueen, W. J. Scott.

*Records*—Ministers: P. L. Clark, W. F. F. Little, C. R. Stegall; Ruling Elders: H. M. Wells, Leon Flowers.

*Sabbath and Family Religion*—Ministers: J. M. Waggett, J. W. Mann; Ruling Elders: Frank Haasis, H. E. Latham.

*Special Causes*—Ministers: W. H. Goodman, D. A. Bowles, Jack W. Ware; Ruling Elders: Dr. W. C. Mebane, R. P. Bender.

*Women of the Church*—Rev. J. M. Newbold, Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, J. R. Maxwell, Mrs. John Farrior.

*History of Presbytery*—Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington.

*Auditing*—Frank S. Wilson, J. A. Love, Jr., P. H. Myers.

*Divorce and Remarriage*—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman, Exit 1952. Area No. 1—Rev. J. W. Miller, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. D. A. Bowles.

Area No. 2—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Wade H. Allison, Rev. William Crowe, Jr.

Area No. 3—Rev. Carl B. Craig, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr.

Area No. 4—Rev. P. L. Clark, Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. J. M. Newbold.

*Nominations, Exit 1952*—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. D. A. Bowles, E. L. Derrick, J. B. Huntington.

*Commission on Minister and His Work*—Exit Fall, 1951—Rev. J. W. Miller, E. W. Faires; Exit Fall, 1952—Rev. A. K. Dudley, P. L. Clark; Exit Fall, 1953—Rev. B. E. Dotson, George Mitchell.

*Examinations*—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman, Exit 1953.

*Experimental Religion*—Rev. Carl B. Craig, Rev. J. W. Miller.

*Academic Studies*—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. M. Waggett.

*Languages*—Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. Neill G. Stevens.

*Theology*—Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. B. Frank Hall.

*Church History*—Rev. P. L. Clark, Rev. Robert L. Turner.

*Church Government*—Rev. W. L. Foley, Rev. A. K. Dudley.

*English Bible*—Rev. J. W. Ware, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr.

## CLERKS OF SESSION OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

<i>Name of Church</i>	<i>Clerk of Session</i>	<i>Address</i>
Acme	A. H. Marks	Acme, N. C.
Ashwood	C. L. Braddy	Rt. 1, Council, N. C.
Antioch	J. B. Burton	Jacksonville, N. C.
Baker	A. P. Cox	Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Bethany	H. B. Rivenbark	Rt. 1, Box 65, Wilmington, N. C.
Beth Car	A. H. Singletary	Tar Heel, N. C.
Bethel	J. Graham Reece	Chinquapin, N. C.
Beulaville	A. W. Gresham	Beulaville, N. C.
Black River	G. E. Fisler	Ivanhoe, N. C.
Bladenboro	J. Frank Davis	Bladenboro, N. C.
Bowden	Harman Taylor	Bowden, N. C.
Burgaw	T. T. Murphy	Burgaw, N. C.
Brunswick	R. A. Powell	Brunswick, N. C.
Calypso	Leon Flowers	Calypso, N. C.

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Cape Fear—S. G. Withers.....	131 Morgan St., Wilmington, N. C.
Carolina Beach—C. F. Cameron.....	Carolina Beach, N. C.
Caswell—Graham Shaw.....	Atkinson, N. C.
Chadbourn—J. M. Jackson.....	Chadbourn, N. C.
Chinquapin—W. B. Ward.....	Chinquapin, N. C.
Clarkton—C. S. Clark.....	Clarkton, N. C.
Croatan—E. C. Hayes.....	Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.
Currie—H. C. Walker.....	Currie, N. C.
Delgado—W. C. Scoggins.....	1909 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.
Elizabethtown—D. M. Calhoun.....	Elizabethtown, N. C.
Elkton—J. S. Elkins.....	Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.
Faison—A. P. Cates.....	Faison, N. C.
Graves Memorial—F. B. Johnson.....	Clinton, N. C.
Grove—R. V. Wells.....	Kenansville, N. C.
Hallsville—Andrew H. Miller.....	Beulaville, N. C.
Harmony—R. E. Pendergrass.....	Tomahawk, N. C.
Harper-Southerland—Nick Smith.....	Albertson, N. C.
Hebron—W. G. Smith.....	Pink Hill, N. C.
Holly Grove—Romie Williamson.....	Rt. 4, Clinton, N. C.
Hopewell—Joseph Newkirk.....	Watha, N. C.
Immanuel—H. T. Wilson.....	1414 S. 4th St., Wilmington, N. C.
Jacksonville—Raymond Marshall.....	31 E. Bayshore, Jacksonville, N. C.
Lake Waccamaw—J. M. Council.....	Wananish, N. C.
Maple Hill—Sidney Lanier.....	Maple Hill, N. C.
McClure Memorial—E. J. Scott.....	Rocky Point, N. C.
Mt. Horeb—J. C. Monroe.....	Council, N. C.
Mt. Olive—H. R. Southerland.....	Mt. Olive, N. C.
Mt. Williams—R. A. Thigpen.....	Burgaw, N. C.
Mt. Zion—M. L. Carr.....	Rose Hill, N. C.
Myrtle Grove—T. C. Gerganous.....	Rt. 2, Box 142, Wilmington, N. C.
New Hope—D. R. Johnson.....	Winnabow, N. C.
Oakdale—Roland Robeson.....	White Oaks, N. C.
Oak Plains—W. H. Hall.....	Rose Hill, N. C.
Page's Mill—Jenrick Hammonds.....	R.F.D. Chadbourn, N. C.
Pearsall Memorial—J. M. Taylor.....	2909 Princess St. Rd., Wilmington, N. C.
Pike—Wiley Batson.....	Burgaw, N. C.
Pink Hill—Dr. H. A. Edwards.....	Pink Hill, N. C.
Pleasant View—Durham Grady.....	Albertson, N. C.
Pollocksville—R. P. Bender.....	Pollocksville, N. C.
Potts Memorial—J. C. Southerland.....	Willard, N. C.
Rocky Point—A. N. Rhodes.....	Rocky Point, N. C.
Rockfish—J. May Wells.....	Teachey, N. C.
St. Andrews-Covenant—Walter P. Sprunt.....	Box 960, Wilmington, N. C.
Smith—R. W. Wallace.....	Pink Hill, N. C.
Southport—Price Furpless.....	Southport, N. C.
South River—R. J. Murphy.....	Tomahawk, N. C.
Stafford Memorial—J. J. Stafford.....	Garland, N. C.
Stanford—H. C. Brogden.....	Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Tabor City—James Hufham.....	Tabor City, N. C.
Teachey—H. M. Wells.....	Albertson, N. C.
Topsail—Harold Howard.....	Hampstead, N. C.
Wallace—J. N. Wells.....	Wallace, N. C.
Warsaw—Dr. J. M. Williams.....	Warsaw, N. C.
Webb Memorial—D. Cardova.....	2507 Arendell St., Morehead City, N. C.

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Westminster—P. K. Avant	Whiteville, N. C.
Whiteville First—H. G. Reeves	Whiteville, N. C.
White Plains—E. N. Clark	Rt. 2, Council, N. C.
Wildwood—W. F. West	Wildwood, N. C.
Willard—H. McNair Johnson	Willard, N. C.
Wilmington First—A. T. Summey	218 S. Third St., Wilmington, N. C.
Winter Park—Miles Clemmer	106 Pine Grove Dr., Wilmington, N. C.
Woodburn—W. L. Paden	Leland, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OF  
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

<i>Church—Superintendent</i>	<i>Address of Superintendent</i>
Acme—T. E. Burns	Acme, N. C.
Antioch—	
Ashwood—C. E. Stevens, Jr.	Council, N. C.
Baker—Wayland Price	Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Bethany—D. R. Murray	331 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington, N. C.
Beth Car—A. H. Singletary	Tar Heel, N. C.
Bethel—Roger L. Batts	Chinquapin, N. C.
Beulaville—C. D. Pate	Beulaville, N. C.
Black River—Col. George S. Beatty	Kerr, N. C.
Bladenboro—Mrs. Stella Edwards	Bladenboro, N. C.
Bowden—R. A. Williams	Rt. 2, Faison, N. C.
Brunswick—W. M. Boice	Whiteville, N. C.
Burgaw—T. J. Bradshaw	Burgaw, N. C.
Calypso—Needham Sloan	Calypso, N. C.
Cape Fear—Jack Weeks	239 Calhoun Dr., Wilmington, N. C.
Carolina Beach—D. N. Page	Rt. 2, Box 270, Wilmington, N. C.
Caswell—John H. Murphy	Atkinson, N. C.
Chadbourn—F. M. Brown	Chadbourn, N. C.
Chinquapin—James Futrell	Chinquapin, N. C.
Clarkton—Luther C. Clark	Clarkton, N. C.
Croatan—Phillip Williams	Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.
Currie—W. L. Jackson	Currie, N. C.
Delgado—W. C. Scoggins	1909 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.
Elizabethtown—D. M. Calhoun	Elizabethtown, N. C.
Elkton—Hobson McCullock	Elkton, N. C.
Faison—A. M. Davis	Faison, N. C.
Graves Memorial—Dr. Wilbert Jackson	Clinton, N. C.
Grove—I. N. Bowden	Kenansville, N. C.
Hallsville—Andrew N. Miller	Beulaville, N. C.
Harmony—A. H. Scrouce	Tomahawk, N. C.
Harper-Southerland—Rodney Harper	Albertson, N. C.
Hebron—No Sunday School	
Holly Grove—W. R. Price	Rt. 2, Clinton, N. C.
Hopewell—Joseph Newkirk	Burgaw, N. C.
Immanuel—G. W. Gore	601 Central Blvd., Wilmington, N. C.
Jacksonville—Frank S. Wilson	114 Jean Circle, Jacksonville, N. C.
Lake Waccamaw—S. A. Gregg, Jr.	Wananish, N. C.
Maple Hill—No Sunday School	
McClure Memorial—A. F. Wells	Castle Hayne, N. C.
Mt. Horeb—Paul Savage	Council, N. C.
Mt. Olive—W. A. Patterson	Mt. Olive, N. C.
Mt. Williams—No Sunday School	

MINUTES OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

Mt. Zion—L. C. Herring	Rose Hill, N. C.
Myrtle Grove—J. H. Burris	Rt. 2, Box 391, Wilmington, N. C.
New Hope—D. R. Johnson	Winnabow, N. C.
Oakdale—Mrs. C. M. Davis	White Oaks, N. C.
Oak Plains—James Kilpatrick	Rose Hill, N. C.
Pages Mill—Jenrick Hammonds	Chadbourn, N. C.
Pearshall Memorial—E. Dan James	Rt. 1, Wilmington, N. C.
Pike—Ivey L. Player	Rocky Point, N. C.
Pink Hill—T. J. Turner	Pink Hill, N. C.
Pleasant View—Durham Grady	Albertson, N. C.
Pollocksville—J. Virgil Bender	Pollocksville, N. C.
Potts Memorial—J. S. Austin	Willard, N. C.
Rockfish—Mrs. M. G. Carr	Wallace, N. C.
Rocky Point—E. F. Langston	Rocky Point, N. C.
St. Andrews—Covenant— Alex R. Urquhart	2306 Princess St. Rd., Wilmington, N. C.
Smith—H. L. Page	Pink Hill, N. C.
Southport—Victor Bartels	Southport, N. C.
South River—No Sunday School	
Stafford Memorial—No Sunday School	
Stanford—Jack Smith	Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Tabor City—James Hufham	Tabor City, N. C.
Teachey—Marshall Bowden	Teachey, N. C.
Topsail—Harold Howard	Hampstead, N. C.
Wallace—Edward Johnson	Wallace, N. C.
Warsaw—R. W. Riggs	Warsaw, N. C.
Webb Memorial—A. B. Vick	205 S. 21st St., Morehead City, N. C.
Westminster—H. M. Leaman	Whiteville, N. C.
White Plains—Ed. S. Dennis	Clarkton, N. C.
Whiteville First—W. J. Scott	Whiteville, N. C.
Wildwood—J. G. Murdock, Sr.	Wildwood, N. C.
Willard—E. L. English, Jr.	Willard, N. C.
Wilmington First—J. W. Hogue	707 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
Winter Park— DeWitt Shelton	3704 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, N. C.
Woodburn—G. R. Ennis, Jr.	Leland, N. C.

OUTPOST SUNDAY SCHOOLS OR EXTENSION UNITS

Bethany Chapel—Freeman Edwards	Beulaville, N. C.
Community Chapel— Mrs. Leona Carroll	1020 Cowan St., Wilmington, N. C.
Cypress Creek Chapel—Exum James	Chinquapin, N. C.
Hopewell Chapel—Milton Murray	Watha, N. C.
Jones' Chapel—Henry Register	Wallace, N. C.
North East—Mrs. Lester Hall	Rt. 1, Jacksonville, N. C.
Oak Grove—George English	Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, N. C.
Princess Place—H. W. Winkle	1909 Ann St., Wilmington, N. C.
Salem Chapel— Chapel on the Boardwalk— Mrs. R. C. McCarl	Wrightsville Sound, N. C.
King's Chapel—Mrs. Troy King	Rt. 1, Maple Hill, N. C.

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## PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL RE

MINISTERS	POST OFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants		
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession		Communicants
					Added on Reaffirmation	Added on Certificate	
Wade H. Allison, P.	Wilmington, N. C.	Immanuel*†	11	12	24	7	8 333
J. Vaughan Axtell, H.R.	Port Washington, N. Y.	Whiteville First*†	9	22	2	2	234
David A. Bowles, P.	Whiteville, N. C.	Brunswick	5	0	6	8	8 36
David A. Bowles, S.S.	Brunswick, N. C.						
E. B. Carr, H.R.	Wallace, N. C.						
P. L. Clark, H.R.	Burgaw, N. C.						
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Burgaw R.F.D.	Mt. Williams	1	3	1		33
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Maple Hill, N. C.	Maple Hill	2	1	2		24
W. Priestley Conyers, P.	Morehead City, N. C.	Webb Memorial*†	5	8	2	1	132
W. Priestley Conyers, P.	Wildwood, N. C.	Wildwood	7	6	13	4	86
Carl B. Craig	Jacksonville, N. C.	Jacksonville*†	8	13	30	31	280
Wm. Crowe, Jr., P.	Wilmington, N. C.	First*†	20	22	63	12	1,086
J. S. Crowley, H.R.	Wilmington, N. C.						
B. E. Dotson, P.	Mt. Olive, N. C.	Mt. Olive*†	10	14	7		307
B. E. Dotson, P.	Mt. Olive R.F.D.	Bakers	4	2	1		46
A. K. Dudley, P.	Wilmington, N. C.	Winter Park*†	8	8	25	2	39 317
John L. Fairley, Ed.	Richmond, Va.						
N. P. Farrior, P.	Pink Hill, N. C.	Pink Hill*†	5	6			70
N. P. Farrior, P.	Pink Hill R.F.D.	Smith	5	7	2		63
N. P. Farrior, P.	Pink Hill R.F.D.	Hebron	2				20
N. P. Farrior, P.	Albertson, N. C.	Pleasant View	4	3			58
N. P. Farrior, P.	Albertson R.F.D.	Harper-Southerland	2	3			45
W. L. Foley, P.	Whiteville, N. C.	Westminster*†	10	12	15	3	246
W. H. Goodman, Jr., P.	Beulaville, N. C.	Beulaville†	2	4	1		77
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B. Frank Hall, P.	Wrightsville Beach, N. C.	Pearsall Memorial†	9	12	5	4	12 237
B. Frank Hall, P.	Wilmington, N. C.						
H. C. Hammond, H.R.	Red Springs, N. C.	Grove†	6	6	1	2	138
J. T. Hayter, P.	Kenansville, N. C.	Hallsville	4	6		1	146
J. T. Hayter, P.	Beulaville R.F.D.	Wallace*†	12	11	25	6	376
Wm. B. Hood, P.	Wallace, N. C.						
Frederick W. Lewis, H.R.	St. Petersville, Fla.	Pollocksville*†	5	5	1	5	104
W. F. F. Little, P.	Pollocksville, N. C.	Croatan	2	2		1	24
W. F. F. Little, P.	New Bern R.F.D.	Graves Memorial*†	13	17	16	6	350
M. C. MacQueen, P.	Clinton, N. C.	Holly Grove	5	4	10	1	80
M. C. MacQueen, P.	Clinton R.F.D.	Stafford Memorial	4		3	6	25 34
M. C. MacQueen, T.S.	Garland, N. C.	Caswell*†	5	7	5		120
J. W. Mann, P.	Atkinson, N. C.	Harmony	6	4	4	2	1 96
J. W. Mann, P.	Kerr, N. C.	Black River	6	6	10		5 80
J. W. Mann, P.	Ivanhoe, N. C.	South River	4	3			2 26
Robt. L. McBath, P.	Garland R.F.D.	Elizabethtown*†	8	9	16	5	222
Robt. L. McBath, P.	Elizabethtown, N. C.	Mt. Horeb	2	2			27
G. F. Miller, T.	Council, N. C.						
J. W. Miller, P.	Loris, S. C.	Clarkton*†	9	15	8	6	333
J. W. Miller, T.S.	Clarkton, N. C.	Clarkton R.F.D.	2	3			64
C. C. Myers, P.	Wilmington, N. C.	Delgado*	3	2	1		74
C. C. Myers, P.	Hampstead, N. C.	Topsail	4	4	12		118
J. M. Newbold, P.	Warsaw, N. C.	Warsaw*†	6	10	5	2	158
J. M. Newbold, S.S.	Bowden, N. C.	Community	3	3	11	6	41
H. Reid Newland, P.	Wilmington, N. C.	Bethany*†	4	6	18		142
H. Reid Newland, P.	Castle Hayne, N. C.	McClure Memorial	4	5	19	1	120
J. Murphy Smith, P.	Faison, N. C.	Faison*†	6	8	7		188
J. Murphy Smith, P.	Calypso, N. C.	Calypso*	8	8	11	1	139
J. Murphy Smith, S.S.	Mt. Olive R.F.D.	Stanford*	5	5	9	2	81
C. R. Steagall, Asso.P.	Wilmington, N. C.	St. Andrews-Covenant*					
Neill G. Stevens, S.S.	Tax Heel, N. C.	Beth Car*†	6	6	1	1	56
Neill G. Stevens, S.S.	Bladenboro, N. C.	Bladenboro	2	2	1		31
Neill G. Stevens, S.S.	White Oak, N. C.	Oakdale	3	2	4		40
Millard G. Stimpson, P.	Burgaw, N. C.	Burgaw*†	7	9	9	7	11 180
Millard G. Stimpson, P.	Burgaw, N. C.	Hopewell	7	7	19	2	138
L. A. Taylor, P.Ex.Sec.S.C.	Wilmington, N. C.*						
F. M. Thompson, H.R.	Southern Pines, N. C.	Rocky Point*†	4	5	7	1	106
Robt. Lee Turner, P.	Rocky Point, N. C.	Pike	3	4	1	2	66
Robt. Lee Turner, P.	Burgaw R.F.D.	Currie	3	3	2		30
Robt. Lee Turner, P.	Currie, N. C.	Southport*	7	8	2	3	113
J. McPhail Waggett, P.	Southport, N. C.	New Hope	4	7		6	84
J. McPhail Waggett, P.	Winnabow, N. C.	Carolina Beach*	4	5		2	72
J. W. Ware, P.	Carolina Beach, N. C.	Myrtle Grove	4	3	2	6	86
J. W. Ware, P.	Wilmington R.F.D.						
D. Lee Williamson, F.M.	Goiania, Brazil	St. Andrews-Covenant*†	24	34	39	12	54 1,356
J. E. L. Winecoff, H.R.	Florence, S. C.	Woodburn*	4	6	5		11 119
E. D. Witherspoon, P.	Wilmington, N. C.	Acme	4	3	3	6	1 53
J. D. Withrow, P.	Leland, N. C.	Rockfish*	7	9	9		2 160
J. D. Withrow, P.	Acme, N. C.	Willard	5	3	4	1	61
J. A. Nisbet, P.E.	Wallace, N. C.	Potts Memorial	5	6	2		101
J. A. Nisbet, P.E.	Willard, N. C.	Lake Waccamaw*	4	5		4	89
J. A. Nisbet, P.E.	Willard R.F.D.	Ashwood	4	2			60
Fitzhugh Reid, P.E.	Lake Waccamaw, N. C.	Chadbourn*	11	10			187
Fitzhugh Reid, P.E.	Council, N. C.	Page's Mill	2	2	1	2	24
Leslie Tucker, P.E.	Chadbourn, N. C.	First*					
Leslie Tucker, S.S.	Chadbourn R.F.D.	Cape Fear†	3	4	4	1	11 98
(Wm. S. Whitsett, A.P.)	Wilmington, N. C.	Elkton	2	2		1	31
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